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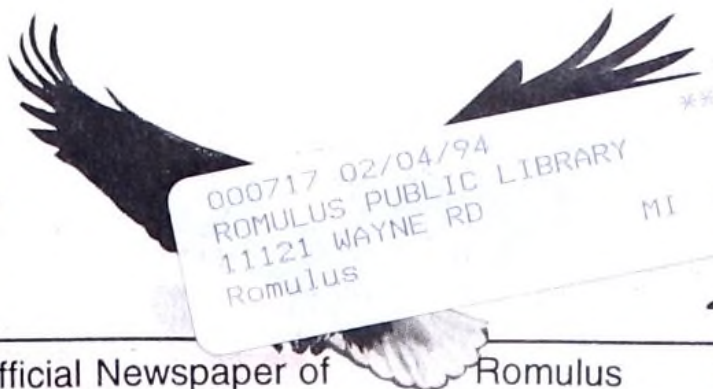
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Slaying suspect's trial set

By AL POST ANP Staff Writer

Fourteen years after the fatal shooting of a Romulus woman, a trial date has been set for her accused slayer

Former Romulus resident, Daniel Ray Dowling, 44, is charged in the shooting death of his former live-in girlfriend Joanne Lincoln, 23, on Aug. 28, 1978. He was arraigned in February in 34th District Court in Romulus and his trial date was set for Nov. 2.

Lincoln suffered head wounds and died two days later, a Wayne County deputy sheriff said. The suspect was questioned shortly after the shooting, but was not charged at the time.

In November 1992, a former friend of Dowling's supplied additional information and testimony that led to the suspect's arrest at his place of business in Front Royal, Va.

Dowling continues to claim the bullet that killed Lincoln came from outside their apartment window.

At this point, investigators said, the charge against Dowling remains an "open murder" complaint. Closer to the trial date it is expected that the Wayne County Prosecutor's office will officially announce whether it will seek first- or second-degree murder or manslaughter charges against the suspect.

Incentive inspires 7 to resign

Seven Romulus Community School District teachers will retire in June under the incentive program developed by the district.

Those retiring are Richard Kahle, senior high school; Robert LaChance, junior high; Michael Kirda, junior high; Nancy Shirley, junior high; Evelyn Gehm, elementary; Joan Olaszewski, elementary; and Mary Peterson, elementary.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Terrel LeCesne said the seven veteran teachers will receive a \$10,000 buyout following their retirements in June. Half of the severance payment will be paid in June and the other half a month later, LeCesne said.

The purpose of the buyout program is to reduce the number of teachers at the high salary level and to allow the district to employ some instructors currently on the recall list.

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Wick Elementary School second-grader Kathleen Eggers, shown with her teacher Dr. Jeanette Amthor, displays an oversized replica of one of her prizes. ANP photo by Ken Garner

Student's entry wins prize

By AL POST ANP Staff Writer

Young Kathleen Eggers, who last week brought honor to Wick Elementary School by winning an international education contest, humbly told her peers she would put her \$25 winnings into her college fund.

Her goal, she said quietly, is to become a teacher.

Kathleen, a second-grade student in Dr. Jeanette Amthor's class, credited her teacher with helping her with her idea that included a green and blue drawing of the earth and black-brown-white sketch of a computer remote unit.

Scripted on the poster Kathleen completed were the words "Dynacom brings the World into your Classroom."

Dynacom is the manufacturer of the Romulus Schools Multi-Media Equipment. The company opened the contest in February to schools in both the U.S. and Canada that use their products and asked the involved educators to enlist students to share their points of view on Dynacom products.

Kathleen's entry was judged the best and soon will be featured on all Dynacom's

I always stress college with my students, and thus I'm thrilled that Kathleen not only won the contest, but is using the money for that cause. - Jeanette Amthor

training department folders used in both countries.

Joann Bjork, media technician at Wick School, notified all school teachers of the contest and provided them with pertinent contest information.

Amthor decided to use the contest to spur her students' creativity - allowing each student to use their own thought processes to come up with a wide assortment of ideas for Dynacom.

Amthor downplayed her involvement in the winning entry explaining "I asked them (her students) if they had ever seen a billboard. And when they said they had

I explained the project was to be similar to that.

"Billboards contain one main thought and the printing has to be so clear that everyone can read it," the teacher stressed.

"We discussed possible captions as a group and wrote some on the blackboard and allowed any student who wished to use that as part of his or her theme," Amthor explained.

"I always stress college with my students," she said, "and thus I'm thrilled that Kathleen not only won the contest, but is using the money for that cause. Kathleen is very bright and loves children, that is probably why she wants to be a teacher."

The teacher's thought chemistry proved a winning element for Kathleen, as she not only won money toward her own education process, but also earned Wick School a Canon Zapsnot still video camera for its multi-media center.

Kathleen, daughter of Catherine and Ray A. Eggers of Romulus, thinks teaching will be so much fun that she plans to start by teaching kindergartners.

League exclusion sparks legal battle

By AL POST ANP Staff Writer

Although the Romulus schools were excluded from the recently formed 22-school Mega League, they may gain entry through the legal system.

The school district battle to enter the planned Mega League has entered a new phase, as school district attorneys have officially filed complaints of discrimination with state and federal civil rights groups.

Romulus charges that its teams are being blocked from league competition because of the fact the school population is more than 35 percent black.

Superintendent Dr. William Bedell recently mailed a complaint to the Federal Civil Rights Division of the Department of Education in Cleveland.

On April 9, Bedell and special school attorney Robert Lusk filed another written complaint during a visit to the Michigan Civil Rights Commission in Detroit.

Bedell said they spent several hours in the commission office as it appears that the complaint is "one of the more complex that the civil rights unit has been called to handle."

The superintendent was not



Dr. William Bedell

sure whether any action from either the state or national level would occur in time to impact the Mega League's first season this fall.

"No time elements were expressed, but we tend to believe we may hear from the national civil rights group first," Bedell explained.

Bedell said the Romulus school system is listing complaints against all 22 league school members, since Romulus and Highland Park High School are the only two

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Teens await decision on diversion program

By AL POST ANP Staff Writer

Will three Romulus teens apprehended recently in connection with the theft of more than \$20,000 worth of computers from Romulus schools, earn a second chance at a clean criminal record?

The three robbery suspects will learn the answer to that question on April 30 when they are told if they are eligible for the Wayne County criminal diversion program.

If the three, two 19-year-old males and an 18-year-old woman, are accepted in the non-violent program, they will face 12 months of supervised lifestyles by county law enforcement agents. If they complete the year-old program without any other infractions, they will have the criminal charges expunged from their records and have the police copies of their fingerprints returned to them.

If the county diversion team rejects them from the program on April 30, the three Romulus graduates will be formally arraigned on theft and possession of stolen property charges in the 34th District Court of Romulus, and proceed through the court system.

The diversion program was set up to give some first time offenders a "second chance" at keeping a clean record.

Romulus police said the systematic computer thefts from Wick Elementary school occurred last summer.

One of the males formerly worked as a lunch time aide at the school and the other had been selected by his class as "most likely to succeed."

All but about \$7,000 worth of computers reportedly were recovered. Part of the diversion program is the requirement that the cost of all unrecovered stolen property must be reimbursed by the defendants.

School district denies asbestos health violation problems

By AL POST ANP Staff Writer

A rumor that Romulus schools have been cited for asbestos violations was denied Monday by District Supervisor of Maintenance and Operations Willard (Bill) Bower.

Bower said a series of "misinformation" has been called into the Michigan Department of Health in the last six weeks citing asbestos conditions at the Senior High School.

Health officials have responded by visiting the high school building three times, Bower said, and the strongest comment they have passed on to the school district is to increase contractor awareness of asbestos sightings.

It is helpful to remember that all of the people involved in the remodeling have a stake in maintaining a safe work place.

- William Bedell

In response to the comment, the district has offered construction workers now at the school two-hour asbestos awareness training.

Bower admitted that some asbestos sprayings have been found on beams under windows in some school rooms and in some other "unexpected" areas, but he is ordering that it all be removed.

To relieve concern among

parents and students, Superintendent Dr. William Bedell has sent a letter home to parents and has set up a phone hot line for those wishing more personal information.

"As of Monday, I have received only one phone call relating to the asbestos issue," Bower said.

Bedell's letter was sent to assure parents "that the Se-

nior High School building is safe and your children are not at risk from environmental problems, while they're attending school."

However, Bedell added, "a certain level of noise, dust and odor connected with the construction does cause inconvenience for staff and students."

"In the matter of asbestos abatement, the school district is following procedures given by the Michigan Health Department. Everything we are doing is consistent with health department guidelines and we are being monitored by three state agencies," Bedell said.

As a safety precaution, Bedell explained, "we employ an independent air monitoring corporation that operates sep-

arately from the contractors that assures us there is no airborne asbestos prior, during or after construction."

"It is helpful to remember that all of the people involved in the remodeling have a stake in maintaining a safe work place. It is in the workmen's interest to handle our asbestos problems in a safe and efficient manner," the superintendent said.

By the fall of this year, Bedell said, 90 percent of the remodeling will be completed.

Persons seeking more information may call the school hotline at 941-7545.

Bower said the school's management plan is open for view and emphasized the district "has nothing to hide."

Autopsy reveals 71-year-old woman was beaten, stabbed

By TOM MOORADIAN
ANP Staff Writer

The Wayne County Medical Examiners Office on Thursday reported that the death of a 71-year-old Inkster woman was caused by multiple stab wounds and blunt force to the head.

The victim, Doris Summers, was killed sometime during the evening of April 2 or the early morning hours of April 3 in her house located in the 4000 block on Middlebelt

Road.

Police discovered the victim's body in the basement. They were summoned there by a neighbor who became concerned because she had not seen her over the weekend. The neighbor went to the Summers' house, found the front door had been forced open, and called police.

A Wayne County Medical Examiner spokesperson said that the victim "died of multiple stab wounds and blunt force to the head." He refused

Inkster Detective Charles Hines said that he has interviewed several subjects, but at this time we do not have any suspects.

to elaborate.

According to police reports, only one room had been ransacked. Nothing appeared to

be missing. However, the killer or killers did drive off with the victim's 1990 Chevrolet black Lumina.

The vehicle was later recovered in the area of LeMoyné Gardens, a public housing project. Police believe that there were four black youths in the vehicle. They would not say if the youths were suspects or have been taken into custody.

Inkster Detective Charles Hines said that he has interviewed several subjects, "but at this time we do not have any suspects."

Mrs. Summers was the mother of Darnell Summers, a political activist who at-

tempted to integrated Camp Dearborn in the mid-1960s. At that time, the camp, located in Milford, was only open to residents of the all-white city of Dearborn residents and their visitors.

Also, according to former Inkster city officials, Darnell Summers was among the leaders who tried to take over the Inkster Boys Club and rename the facility for Malcolm X. Darnell was accused of but never tried for slaying a Michigan State trooper in 1967.

Artrain helps sought by city

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Feature Editor

The Wayne Parks and Recreation Department needs a few good people to assist with the Artrain tours when the exhibit pulls into the downtown area May 13.

Recreation officials need approximately 75 volunteers for various jobs, according to Kim Fallow, assistant director of parks and recreation.

"Anyone interested will be trained by Artrain officials," Fallow said. "The volunteers will be asked to take groups through the exhibits. We would like to set up two-hour increments for each volunteer."

A training date is expected to be scheduled. Anyone interested can contact Fallow at 721-7400.

The theme for the Artrain this year is "The Romance of Transportation Vehicle and Voyage in North American Art."

The last time the Artrain visited Wayne was in 1989, according to Debbie Manns, Wayne community development director.

"At that time the theme was 'Visions From Childhood,'" Manns said.

The Artrain will be in the community from May 13-16. Four cars with various exhibits will be open for residents to browse through.

Committees are being organized to work on the coordination of the Artrain project, according to Manns.

"Art that will be exhibited will be from artists who have interpreted evolution over the past 300 years in transportation technology," Manns said.

The Artrain will come to a full stop in Wayne at Elizabeth where the Conrail tracks cross.

There is no fee to visit the exhibit. The Artrain travels to communities throughout the U.S. each year.

Local actors to perform

Performers from Belleville and Canton Township will appear in the Huron Civic Theatre production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

Appearing in the 10th anniversary season production are Belleville residents Jay Bellesteros, Randy Bellesteros, Nancy Fisher, DeAnne Dubin, Nan Smith, Richard Soranno and Margie Marion. Dan, Jill and Nicole Gauvin of Canton Township also will appear in the Webber-Rice production.

Rick Okins of Garden City portrays Jesus, Dwayne Brown appears as Judas and Brenda Wood assumes the role of Mary Magdalene. Other cast members in principle roles are Patrick Mech, Michael Finegan, Keven Pipkens, Joseph Viger, James Fendt, Jim Marino, R. Darrow Bernick, Gordon Witte and Larry Daniels.

The play will be staged on April 23, 24, 25, 30, May 1 and 2 with Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$8 for senior citizens and students with special groups rates available.

Huron Civic Theater is located at 32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston.

Ticket information is available by calling 782-5380.

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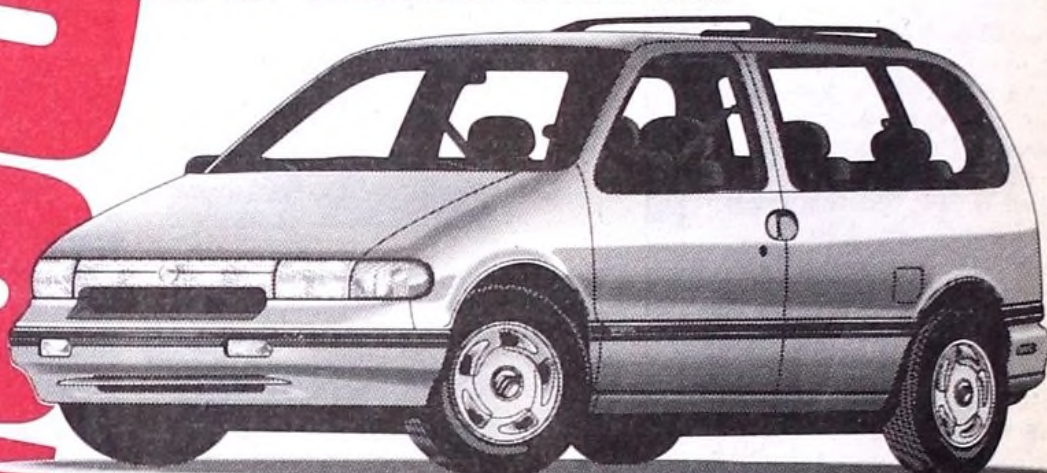
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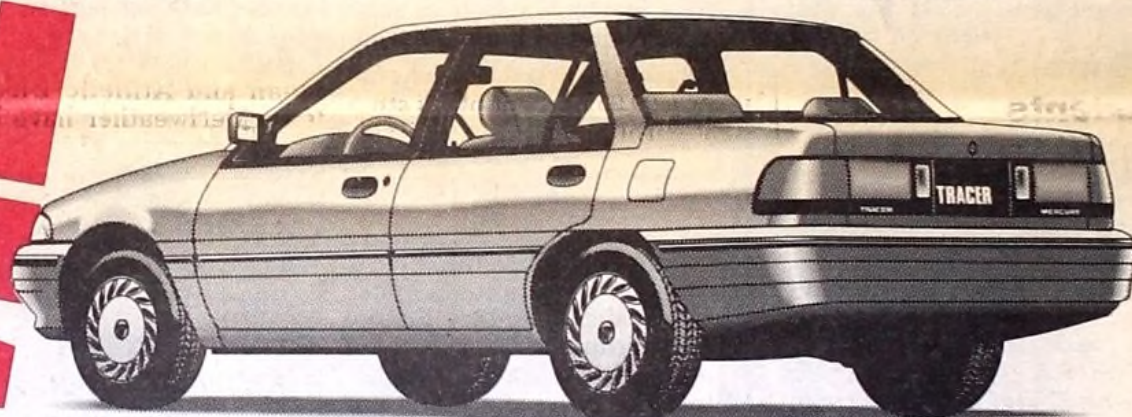
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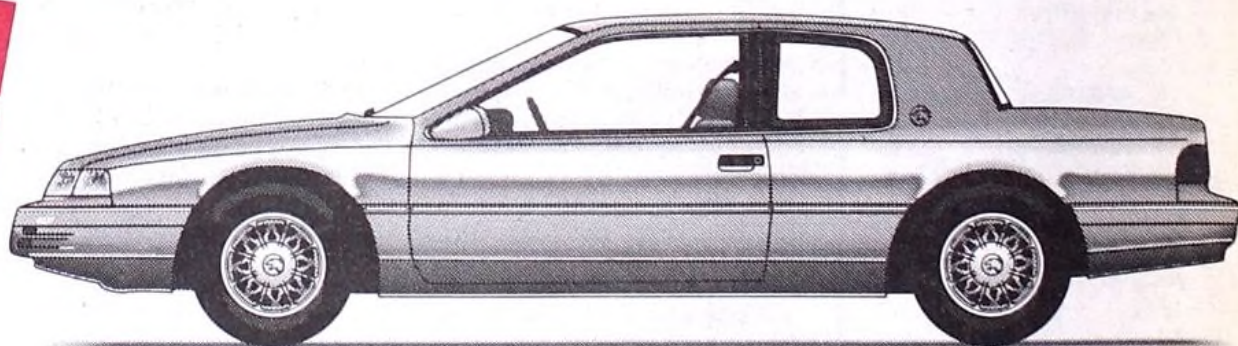
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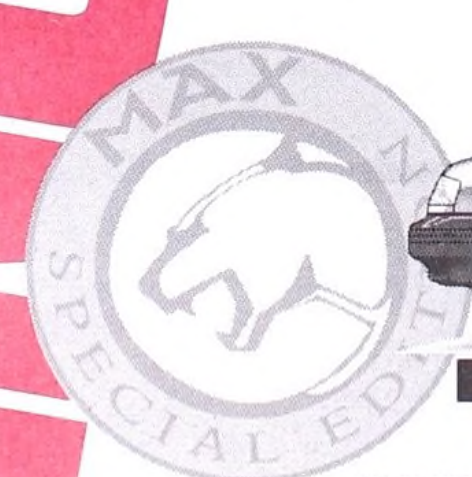


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Twice as nice

Mom offers helping hand to mothers of twins in area



Shelly Weir and twin sons Scott and Brian Weir, or is it Brian and Scott Weir? ANP photo by Larry Divizio

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Feature Editor

Whoever said double is trouble hasn't met Westland residents Shelly and Dan Weir who believe their twin sons are "twice as nice."

Scott and Brian Weir are second graders at Schweitzer Elementary School in Westland. Recently they assisted their mother with organizing a twin "Spring Children's Clothing and Equipment Sale" for parents of twins and the general public.

Weir is part of a local non-profit Mothers of Multiples club which participates in various activities throughout the year.

"We have two clothing sales a year, and we have parties at Christmas and Halloween," Shelly Weir said. "Sometimes we'll organize road rallies."

The annual spring and sum-



Scott and Brian Weir (or Brian and Scott Weir) are considered twice as much pleasure by their proud parents, Dan and Shelly Weir of Westland. ANP photo by Larry Divizio

mer sale was a big success last weekend. Weir said the money which was gathered from the sale will go toward a state convention for twins which is scheduled for 1994.

"There will be various speakers giving presentations on a number of twin oriented educational tools," Weir said. "It gives new mothers of twins an idea of how to take care of their newborns, and it gives the rest of us a chance to see one another in the group."

Having twins can be a bit overwhelming, but if you can manage to have assistance from the family or friends, it

can be "twice as nice," according to Weir.

"I had help in the beginning," Weir said. "They have been just great. Their personalities are completely opposite. One is very outgoing and one isn't. One likes girls, and one doesn't."

Weir said there is a Canton/Plymouth twin club which consists of approximately 30 members. The Livonia Club which she belongs to has more than 80 members.

"We all get involved with hospitals and pediatrician offices to offer a helping hand to new moms," Weir said. "Hav-

ing twins can be really fun."

Although some doctors have stated twins run in the family, Weir said that's really not the case.

"My grandfather's brother was a twin, but I don't think having them in the family guarantees you'll have twins," Weir said. "I just think there are more being born. Statistics are showing one in every 90 births are twins."

Anyone interested in joining the twins club or would like information on the annual spring/summer sale can call Weir at 326-1466.

State recognizes school efforts, awards college accreditation

The North Central Accreditation Association (NCAA), an organization which certifies schools on their academic standards for college acceptance, recently gave approval to Wayne Memorial High School.

The Wayne staff was pleased with the positive comments of the NCAA. Official notification of the acceptance of the high school arrived last month.

Wayne Memorial High School established a School Improvement team two years ago to improve student achievement and to broaden students' experiences at school.

At the end of last year five goals were selected and staff

members, students, parents and community members formed task forces to accomplish these goals.

Public Act 25, the school quality legislation, and the need for NCAA, were the motivating factors in the School Improvement process. Seventy-eight percent of the Wayne staff become actively involved in school improvement. This number did not include the many teachers who coach, sponsor clubs or class activities or who worked on the district School Improvement team.

As a result of the volunteer effort of the Wayne Memorial staff, academic assistance tutoring takes place before, during and after school daily, students have academic planners,

in-house suspension is being established, more field trips have been taken, cultural activities are in the process, Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) assistance programs have been established, and the staff baked breakfast treats for the students on the days the MEAP tests were taken.

As a result of this outstanding effort, Wayne Memorial High School has been targeted as a model school for developing an improvement plan that works.

The mission statement of the school is, "To prepare students to be responsible and contributing citizens able to adapt to a rapidly changing world. We will provide a safe,

challenging atmosphere for learning where self-esteem, mutual respect and health are

valued. "The accomplishment of this mission will be achieved

through the cooperation of students, parents, staff and community members."

Parents warned of 900 number fees

The Michigan Public Service Commission is warning Michigan consumers to "be aware and take care" with children and 900 service call numbers. Many parents have faced shocking telephone bills totaling hundreds of dollars due to 900 calls.

Telephone 900 services are a growing industry and information and entertainment is available for consumers on everything from income taxes to horoscopes, psychics and sex. Protecting yourself from "telephone bill" shock will require

keeping these few simple guidelines in mind when using 900 service lines:

- Make sure you know up front what the charge is for the 900 service. The service provider must state the cost for the call at the start.

- The free "blocking" of 900 services is available from most telephone companies. Blocking prevents 900 service calls from being made from your phone without changing or interrupting any other long-distance service.

- Know that providers of 900

services for adults are required to screen out calls from minors. However, if your child makes calls without your knowledge and you feel you were inappropriately charged, send a brief letter of explanation and a copy of the bill to the Federal Communications Commission. The FCC will investigate your complaint.

For more information contact the FCC, 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554 at (202) 632-7553 or call the Michigan Public Service Commission toll free at 1-800-292-9555.

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Former resident guilty of drug charges

A former Belleville resident is one of four men found guilty of violating federal drug trafficking laws.

Herbert Micou, 62, formerly of Belleville; Kenneth Christunas, 37, of West Bloomfield; David Christunas, 33, of Garden City, and Robert Johnson, 39, of Ortonville, were convicted following a four-week trial. In addition to the defendants who were found guilty by the jury, six other defendants had previously entered guilty pleas in the case.

Sentencing is scheduled on July 20. The defendants face a maximum penalty of up to live in prison and a fine of \$4 million or both. After the guilty verdicts were reached for the

four men, the court canceled their bonds and remanded them to the custody of the United States marshals to await sentence.

Defendants James Christunas, 39, of Gwin, Mich., and Arthur Brayman, 40, of Lincoln Park, were acquitted.

The defendants were convicted of conspiracy to distribute marijuana. Kenneth Christunas was convicted of engaging in a continuing criminal enterprise, conspiracy to launder monetary instruments and conspiracy to import marijuana. Kenneth and David Christunas also were convicted of possessing with intent to distribute marijuana.

"The evidence presented at trial established that Kenneth Christunas, along with many of his brothers, a number of his relatives and associates were involved in a large scale marijuana trafficking operation that spanned several years - from approximately 1983 to 1991," according to U.S. Attorney Stephen J. Markman. "Over the years, tons of marijuana were brought into southeastern Michigan and the Marquette area for distribution."

Kenneth Christunas directed the marijuana trafficking enterprise. From the early 1980s to approximately 1987, the enterprise obtained marijuana from suppliers in south-

east Florida, where marijuana from Colombia was being smuggled in by large ships. A number of drivers transported the drug from Florida to Michigan, primarily in the trunks of cars or in rental trailers.

Markham said as much as 3,000 pounds was transported at one time.

When the supply of Colombian marijuana became scarce in 1987, the defendants turned their attention to Texas from where they were able to obtain marijuana from different suppliers. The marijuana was delivered to several locations, which included the homes of Herbert Micou and Robert Johnson, Markham said.

Cruise time

Paddlewheel excursions to feature dinner

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
Belleville City Editor

A replica of a 1800s-era paddlewheel riverboat will cruise around Belleville Lake in June, offering luncheon, dinner, matinee and midnight excursions.

"The Princess Laura will depart for cruises on the lake from Van Buren Park between June 9 and 21," said Van Buren Township Recreation Director Mike Long. "The two decks of the paddlewheel have open

sides so passengers can enjoy the beauty of Belleville Lake."

The boat, which can accommodate 112 passengers, can be chartered by groups, clubs and organizations in addition to its scheduled sailings, Long said. Openings are available on June 9, 14, 15 and 16.

"The cruises are great fun for everyone," the recreation director said. "People book cruises to celebrate special events - birthdays, anniversaries and end-of-the-season celebrations for clubs."

The following cruises are available:

- Luncheon cruises featuring turkey, lasagna, tossed salad and au gratin potatoes on the menu for \$25 per person or \$22.50 to senior citizen groups of 30 or more.

- Dinner cruises featuring either prime rib or chicken cordon bleu at \$30 per person.

- Matinee cruises at \$10 per person. A \$5 fee for children ages 4 to 12 is slated.

- Midnight Cruises at \$15 per person, which features a

three-hour boat ride, live entertainment, snacks and a cash bar.

All cruises depart from Van Buren Park, located on the Interstate-94 South Service Drive, between Rawsonville and Belleville roads.

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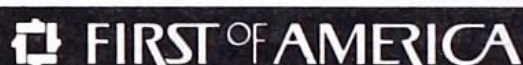
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Help Emergency line proves to be success in area

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
Belleville City Editor

After almost four years in operation, western Wayne County officials believe the Enhanced 911 telephone emergency service has proved its worth.

"It's the best thing since sliced bread," said Joe Benyo of Westland who coordinated the program for the 18 communities served by the Conference of Western Wayne.

When a caller dials the 911 number, the individual's name and address appears on a dispatch monitor, which allows responding police or firefighters to determine the location even if the caller is unable to communicate the information.

"Enhanced 911 went on line June 1, 1989, for all of the Wayne County communities," Benyo said. "We worked 15 months prior to that date to implement it."

While coordinating the Enhanced 911 start up, Benyo had more than a year of daily discussions with the member communities plus weekly meetings and an extensive educational campaign.

"We introduced Enhanced 911 with flyers, bumper stickers, television coverage and a special section of an *Associated Newspapers, Inc.* edition," Benyo said. "It received a terrific response from the public safety departments and the community. I don't think that there is anyone in the area who is not aware of 911."

Benyo said the publicity surrounding Enhanced 911 - including a popular television program - has made the name a household word. Even people in other countries, which do not have emergency services, dial 911 when they are in trouble, he said.

"There's no one in the county who can't call the number and receive an response. If someone calls from a car phone, the 911 call is immediately routed to the nearest State Police post. It is determined where the closest emergency dispatcher is located and then the call is transferred on a direct line to them," Benyo said. "For example, if the driver said he was at Interstate-275 and Ford Road, the call would be patched through

to Canton Township."

If there is a glitch in the system, the dispatcher contacts Michigan Bell personnel who then correct it and report back to the community dispatcher.

Van Buren Township Public Safety Director Mark Perkins said he believes the emergency service has been well utilized.

"Sometimes, people aren't sure what constitutes an emergency, but we advise them, when in doubt, to dial 911," Perkins said. "We would rather have them call 911, than to delay the response. If it isn't a real emergency, no one will be upset with them. Our dispatcher will just ask them to call back at the regular business number."

Fire Chief Allen Smolen agrees that residents should call the emergency number even if they are not sure the incident qualifies as an emergency.

"Sometimes people will put out a small kitchen fire, and then hesitate to call us. We'd rather come out and check it out, than to be called a few hours later when the fire has re-started," Smolen said. "I would rather make the response and find that everything is under control. No one should ever be embarrassed or hesitant to report an emergency."

"At least 80 to 85 percent of our emergency calls come through the Enhanced 911 number. I think the only people who would not use the 911 number are newcomers to the area or people who have an old telephone book that doesn't list 911," the fire chief said.

Communications officer Larry Temple said the use of the 911 service helps to reassure callers in an emergency situation.

"As soon as they hear that we know their name and address, they calm down. Sometimes people are hysterical during an emergency, but feel comforted when we call them by name," Temple said. "I've had emergency calls on our regular line where people were too excited or upset to provide information. In those cases, I've asked them to hang up and call back on 911 so that we can get their address."

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Target stores will donate 33,000 Teddy bears nationwide to local affiliates of the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians to help calm frightened children in emergency situations. Doug Fitchett, (second from right) Westland Target store Good Neighbor Captain, stands with Westland paramedics Steve Massey and Colleen Fedel last week when bears were donated to the city. ANP photo by Larry Divizio



Daughters to visit workplace

On April 28, some young girls will be going to work instead of school.

It's not an official "skip day," but parents are being encouraged to introduce their daughters to their workplace during the first Take Our Daughters to Work Day.

The campaign is sponsored by Ms. Foundation, and seeks to introduce young girls to future careers and to dispel myths that women are limited to the type and kinds of jobs that they may enter.

Parents of teens and pre-teens are being encouraged by the sponsors to take their daughters to work with them on April 28.

Individuals in the *Associated Newspapers, Inc.* circulation area who plan to participate in the event are requested to contact Joan Dyer-Zinner at 729-4000 prior to April 28.

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House bill calls for accountability

A bipartisan package designed to improve accountability in state government has been approved by the Michigan House, said Rep. Deborah Whyman (R-Canton), a co-sponsor of the legislation.

The recent House action, Whyman said, would:

- Require biennial audits of the Michigan House and Senate and all legislative agencies, commissions and councils.

- Expand the House Fiscal Agency governing board and mandate quarterly meetings.

- Establish a legislative ethics commission.

Lawmakers also approved a resolution placing all business-related House book-keeping records under rules similar to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. House Resolution 70 requires that:

- A copy of all House financial records be on file in the business office and available to the public during regular office hours.

- The House speaker or co-speakers oversee all procedures and have access to the financial reports of each member.

"Public scrutiny should be welcomed," Whyman said. "Taxpayers and reporters must be vigilant as the government conducts its business."

While the questionable practices at the House Fiscal Agency accelerated passage of the legislation, Whyman added, several reform proposals have been advocated for years by House Republican task forces. The climate for action has improved considerably since the shared-power

arrangement began in January. The new atmosphere, she said, has helped speed passage of the biennial audit legislation.

"This bill is crucial because it ensures that independent sources are checking legislative action," said Whyman. "Audits should be conducted either by the auditor general or certified public accounting firms. With safeguards like this in place, the House Fiscal Agency scandal would have been avoided. Now we can ensure that it won't happen again."

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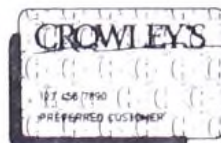
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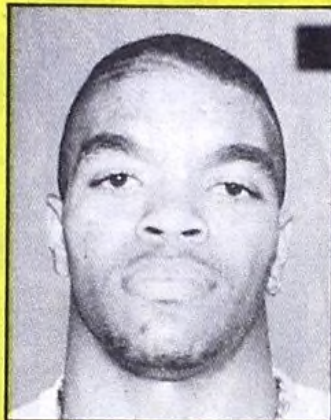
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'93 All-area Basketball



Bruce Calhoun

A versatile athlete who also has made his appearance on the All-Area football team, Bruce Calhoun was a major contributor to the success of Wayne basketball this season. Although he's only 6-feet, 1-inch tall, Calhoun was called upon to play center, and he came through with flying colors. Selected all-conference, Bruce averaged nine rebounds and six points per game. He helped the Zebras to a 17-5 won-lost season.



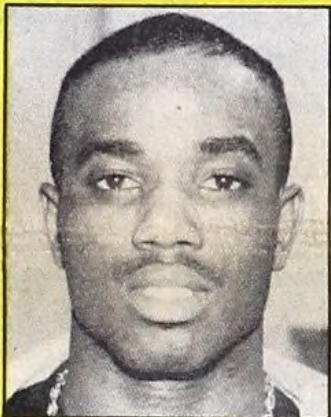
Mike Slone

Considered one of the "purest shooters" on the prep cage scene this year, Mike Slone of Plymouth-Salem proved he was capable of scoring from anywhere on the floor. A 6-3 senior who also earned an all-conference berth, Slone was among the top scorers in the area, boasting a 19ppg. He also used his quickness to get to the boards. He averaged five boards and three assists per game.



Antonio Dodd

Considered Wayne's ball-handling wizard, Dodd averaged 12 points and four assists per game en route to all-Wolverine 'A' Conference recognition. A 5-feet, 9-inch senior guard, Dodd is considered one of the best players to wear a Wayne Memorial cage uniform. "He is also one of the quickest players with the ball that I have ever coached," said Chuck Henry. "And he has been this team's leader."



Roger Williams

Considered one of the smartest players on the Romulus team, Roger Williams hit on 67 percent of his attempts from the field and wound up with a 11.5 ppg. The 6-6 senior, who has two years of varsity experience, also picked off 7.1 rebounds per game. He was an 80 percent free throw shooter. "He had an uncanny ability to come up with the big plays," said Romulus coach Chris Molloy.



James Outlaw

Although he is only a sophomore, James Outlaw played like a veteran senior throughout the recently-completed season. He definitely will leave his mark on Inkster High basketball before he ends his prep career. Named to the All-Suburban Athletic Conference team - a league noted for its basketball talent - the 6-4 Outlaw averaged 14 points and 12 rebounds per game. "He has a relentless desire to excel," said coach Spencer Grant.



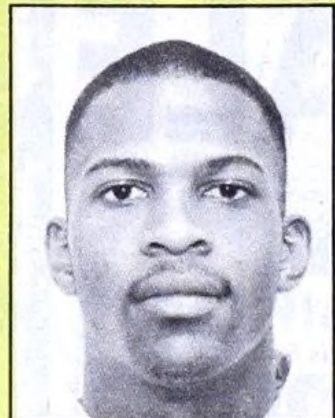
Ken Taylor

Thanks to the efforts of 6-6 senior forward Ken Taylor, John Glenn managed to turn its cage program around in the 1992-93 season. The Rockets soared from the middle of the pack to the top of their division and, at on point, put together a nine-game winning streak this season as Taylor played a pivotal role. He collected 12 rebounds and 11 points per game. "He's a real competitor," said first-year coach Mike Schuette.



Tyzedd Bowles

Usually assigned the top opposition scorer, Romulus senior Tyzedd Bowles got the job done. The 6-2 guard also pumped in 11.2 points per game or 51 percent of his field goal attempts, while he managed to get 8.4 rebounds per game. The Eagles' MVP for the past two seasons, Tyzedd has served as team captain for an equal number of years and has three years of varsity experience.



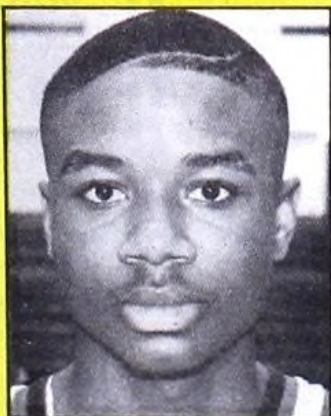
Maurice Ballard

A player who "loves to dunk", 6-6 Maurice Ballard has the potential to become of the best prep cagers in the state during the next two years. In his first year on varsity, the Inkster cager piled up 15 points per game and also counted four blocked shots per game. Against Flat Rock, Maurice scored a career high 37 points, a point-total he should be able to eclipse a year from now.



Tony Goins

Another John Glenn stand-out during the 1992-93 campaign is Tony Goins, a 6-4 junior who was used as a guard or forward whenever the Rocket strategy called for the change. Goins, an all-division coaches' pick, was ready to accept the challenge. He averaged 15 points and nailed eight rebounds per game. Needless to say, coach Mike Schuette is elated to have Goins around for another year.



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Jeff Smith; Daniel Winston

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Alvin White, Richard Cooper, Michael Sykes, Greg Prewitt, Ibrahim Myles

Owen Crosby

Undoubtedly the best defensive Plymouth-Canton player, all-around athlete Owen Crosby was also the team Most Valuable Player for the 1992-93 season. The 6-5 senior cager scored at a 11 point per-game clip and also picked off nine rebounds per outing. When veteran coach David VanWagoner became ill at mid-season, Crosby helped stabilize the team and led the Chiefs to their third Western Division championship.



James Head

With three years of varsity competition already behind him, 6-6 Plymouth-Salem junior James Head will definitely be a force to contend with during the 1993-94 campaign. "He's a very versatile player," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "He can handle all the positions well." Head was among the coaches' unanimous choices for the all-conference team.



Ralph Truitt

The "big man" on a Belleville team that surfaced with a co-championship in the Wolverine 'A' Conference and their third consecutive Class A district title, 6-4 Ralph Truitt finished his junior year with a 12 point per-game average. He also counted 11 rebounds per outing. "We lacked size this year," noted Belleville coach Michael Garland, "and Truitt had to take on the responsibility."

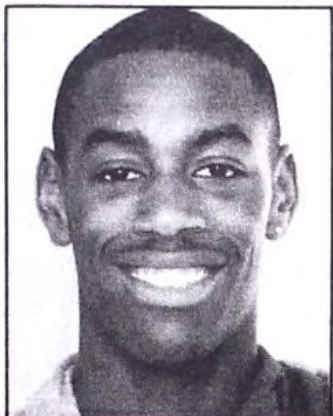


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'93 All-area Basketball

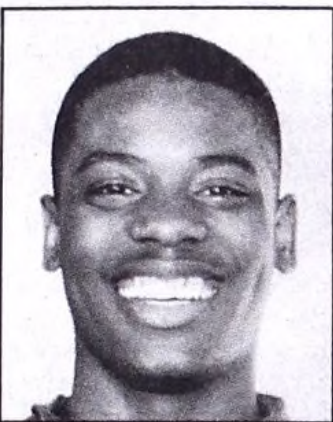
Tyriss Williams

A 6-5 junior who has a Division I potential, Robichaud's 6-5 junior forward was an unanimous choice by coaches for Suburban Athletic Conference honors. Williams also earned All-State honorable mention consideration after leading the Bulldogs to a third-place finish in the SAC Conference. With another year of eligibility remaining, Williams could become one of the top all-time scorers.



Antwan Harris

A 6-feet, 4-inch junior, Antwan Harris was another reason Robichaud remained in contention for the Suburban Athletic Conference title until the final week. Harris is a tough competitor who likes to go to the boards on defense as well as on offense. An excellent shot, Harris scored in double figures 95 percent of the time. His all-around efforts earned him All-State recognition as well as a berth on the all-SAC team.



Tony Maciejewski

An All-Wolverine 'A' Conference selection, 6-3 senior Tony Maciejewski always "came ready to play", according to Belleville coach Michael Garland. "He's dedicated to the sport. You can always rely on him to give you 100 percent." Maciejewski wound up with a 14 point per-game scoring average in a season that ended with the Tigers capturing a share of the last Wolverine 'A' Conference title.



Plymouth-Salem has top cage coach

By TOM MOORADIAN
ANP Staff Writer

When your team is scheduled to play Plymouth-Salem on the hardwood, you better come prepared to play.

For the past nine years the Rocks have given their basketball opponents more than they can handle.

The reason? Coach Bob Brodie.

Brodie, a strict disciplinarian whose teams have finished near or at the top of the Western Lakes Conference, has been instrumental in fielding outstanding teams since arriving on the prep cage scene.

This year, Brodie's Rocks finished with a 21-4 record. Interestingly enough, those four losses were to the likes of Detroit Pershing, which has now won back-to-back Class A state titles; twice to conference rival, Walled Lake Central, a team that was undefeated until it clashed with Pershing in the state quarterfinals; and to Farmington Harrison - on an infamous final shot of the game that hit its mark and capped a 30-plus point last quarter Harrison rally.

In other words, with the exception of the usual loss to Harrison, Salem losses this season were to the best state team and to the conference undefeated squad.

Brodie says that the key to success on the hardwood as well as in life "is a positive attitude and work ethics."

You have to have both.

"It's been said many times before and it's always worth repeating: in order to get results, you have to put in your time," Brodie stressed. "There is no substitution for hard work."

The ANP sports staff believes that Brodie's coaching efforts throughout the 1992-93 season were exemplary and he deserves a coveted post-season honor. The Plymouth-Salem coach is *The Associated Newspapers' Coach of the Year*.

Happy is the house
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-Ralph Waldo
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Plymouth-Salem's Bob Brodie (above) keeps the Rocks rolling toward victories. He is also *The Associated Newspapers Coach of the Year*.

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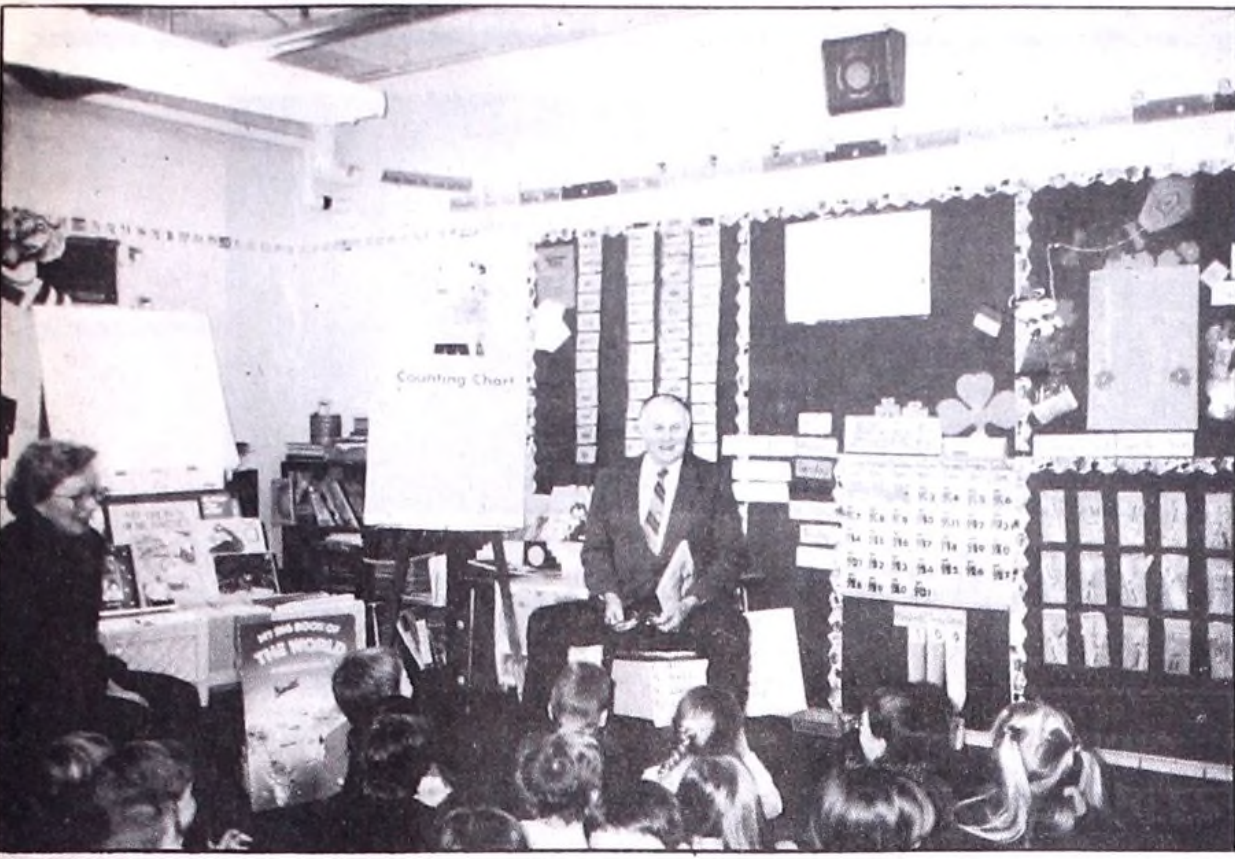
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Jack Demmer, of Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne, was among the local community leaders who joined students at Taft-Galloway Elementary School during the Hats Off To Reading program last month.

Back to school Leaders join in reading program

Taft-Galloway Elementary officials would like to thank all the business owners, council members and residents who participated in the "Hats Off To Reading" program which was conducted in March.

Bev Moore, Taft-Galloway library clerk, said the staff and students enjoyed the program.

"Various activities were planned which corresponded to the reading program for the entire month," Moore said. "One activity involved inviting important people to read to the students."

"We are all very grateful to

the people who took time out of their busy schedules to be with us."

Moore said by having professional individuals read to the students, their commitment enhanced the message that "successful people are readers."

Those individuals who participated in the reading program included: Wayne Mayor Ken Warfield, 29th District Court Judge Carolyn Archbold, Wayne Police Chief John Colligan, City Manager John Zech, Assistant City Manager Bill Richards, Councilwoman Donna

McEachern, Councilman Tom Kelly, Jack Demmer, owner of Jack Demmer Ford, Wayne-Westland Schools librarian Geri Goff, retired Garden City librarian Marian Miller and parent and PTA school president Kathy Burzawa.

Listening to others read was an important aspect of the program, according to Moore.

Although the reading program has come to a close, the Wayne-Westland elementary schools will continue to encourage students to enjoy reading.

Interchange work to stall traffic

Motorists can expect some slow downs around the airport this spring as construction begins on the Interstate-94 Merriman and Middlebelt interchanges.

The freeway will be reduced to two lanes each way from late April through November and also in the summer of next year. Routes to the airport will remain open to traffic with a minimum of delays, but motorists can expect detours and delays when exiting from the airport, according to the state Department of Transportation.

Information about traffic detours and disruptions will be provided to travelers and conventioners by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments throughout the construction of the new freeway interchanges.

During the construction period, which is expected to continue through late fall, drivers may want to consider alternate east-west routes - Van Born Ecorse, Eureka or Pennsylvania roads.

When completed, the \$23 million project is expected to make access to the airport easier and reduce tie-ups on I-94.

Middlebelt Road - The ramp from northbound Middlebelt to eastbound I-94 will close from approximately May 1 through July. The ramp carrying combined traffic from northbound and southbound Middlebelt to westbound I-94 will be closed through November. In addition, northbound Middlebelt will be closed between Wick and Smith roads from April through July.

Merriman Road - All ramps from I-94 to the airport via Merriman will remain open.

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Developer presents new plan

By JENNIFER PLACINTO
ANP Staff Writer

American Realty consultants presented their latest plan for a city-owned parcel on Ford Road between Wayne and Newburgh, across from the Westland City Hall, to city council members last week.

The city has been considering this area for a retail-residential parcel, but Council President Charles Pickering said the city is not in favor of rezoning all 35 acres from office to commercial.

The original American Realty plan involved a complete rezoning, but reaction from council members prompted a change in the proposal to maintain as much residential area as possible. The lot is currently zoned office and residential.

The new plan would allow for 12 acres of land used for commercial purposes, including a Kroger store, and three or four family-style restaurants. Approximately 16 acres of the land would be used for single family housing. The remaining 7 acres is wetland.

Council President Charles Pickering recommended the consultants bring forth a plan next Monday that does not require any rezoning.

Pickering recommended that American Realty consultants file a Special Plan Development proposal which must be approved by the city. This plan would permit the lot to be used as both residential and office.

By maintaining the 12 acres zoned for office, the city council insures that they will have a choice in what is done with the land if the builders are unable to follow through with their original plans, council members noted at the meeting.

Classmates sought for reunion

Organizers of an Aug. 21 reunion of the Class of 1973 of Robichaud High School are seeking classmates to attend the 20th anniversary of their graduation.

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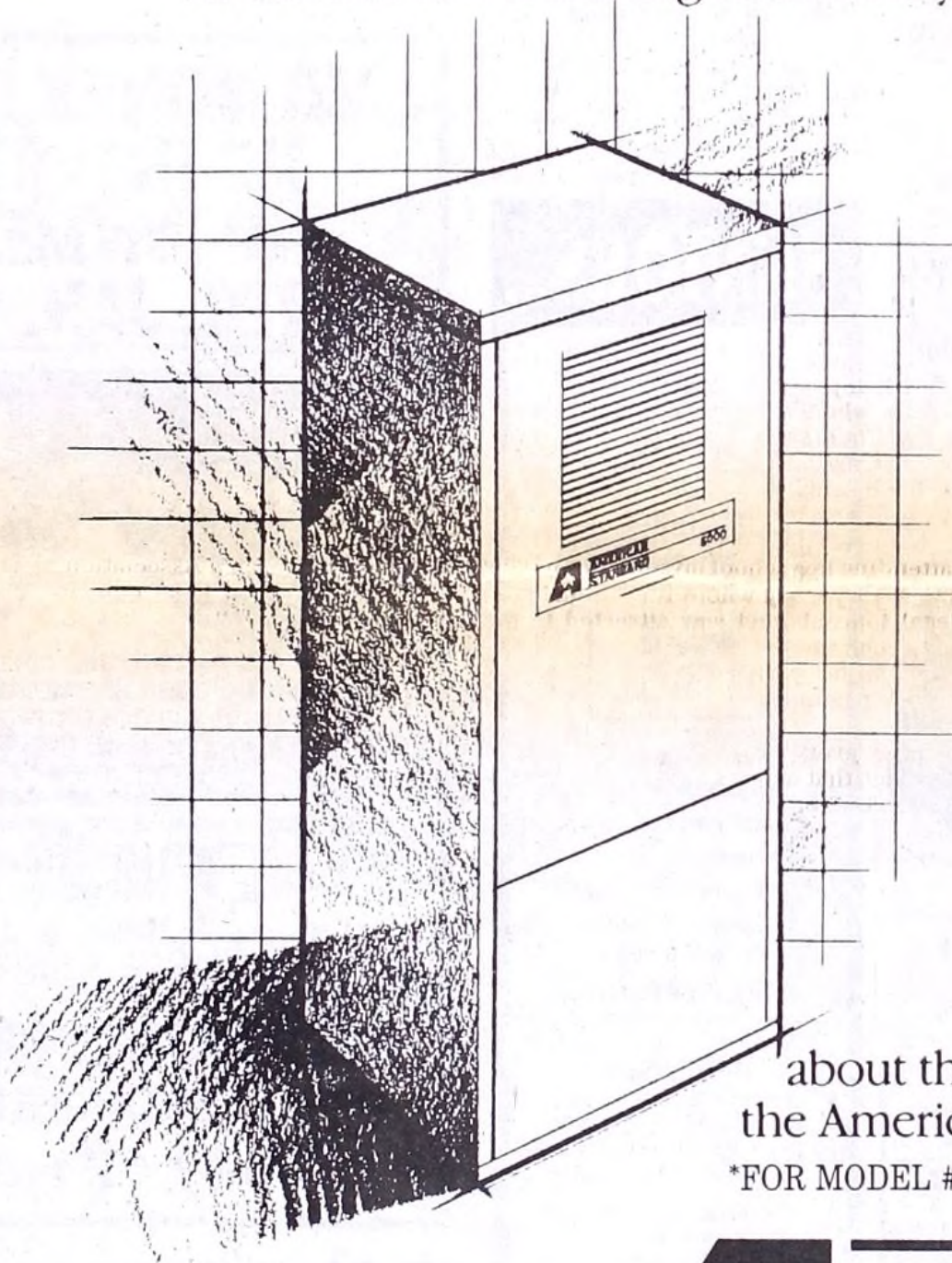
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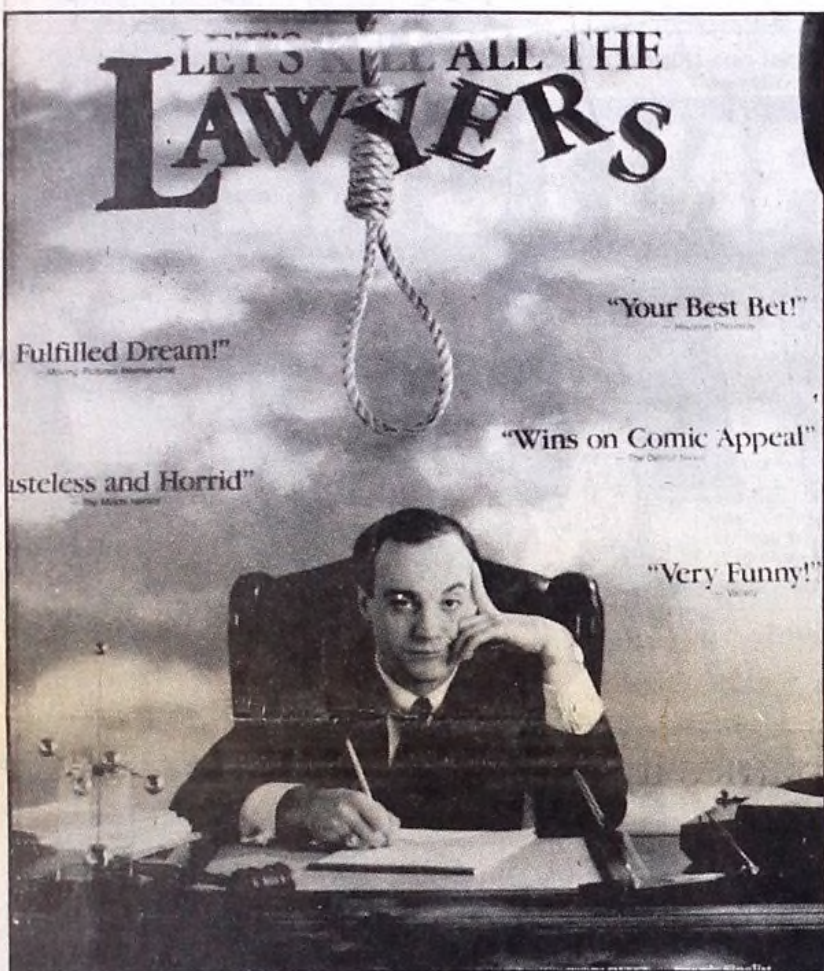
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LET'S KILL ALL THE LAWYERS



Dynamic duo make killer film

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Feature Editor

To be or not to become a lawyer, that's the question which torments Foster Merkul in the dark comedy flick *Let's Kill All The Lawyers*.

This unique production which was filmed in Michigan pits the win-win paradigm against the win-lose reality of the legal arena.

Directed by Ron Senkowski and produced by Shannon Hamed, *Lawyers* is a feature-length dramedy about a young man's bizarre struggle with his subconscious mind and his decision regarding law school.

Foster Merkul begins to question the goal of becoming a lawyer when his summer internship puts him in the employ of Junior Rawley, a city attorney who teaches him every unethical legal tactic in the book, and then some, according to Hamed.

"Ron and I have been working together since 1989 when we formed a partnership," Hamed said.

Lawyers is a story which is based on Senkowski's personal experience.

"I came very close to attending law school myself after having been prepared to become a lawyer my whole life," Senkowski said. "I subscribed to legal journals and was attracted to the idea of settling conflicts through the use of logic."

Senkowski said it was when he worked for a lawyer in the Detroit Metropolitan area that he changed his thinking of the legal system.

"This lawyer had mastered every bizarre legal tactic there was," Senkowski said. "Through that experience I was awakened to the fact that the law wasn't a search for the truth, it was a search for the clients who had the deepest pockets. It was a search for the loopholes and the exceptions."

Senkowski said he was tired of how the human element was put "beyond the back burner."

"Something more spiritual or intuitive was pulling at me," Senkowski said. "That's kind of the whole tension of the film. The laws of man versus the nature and the laws of the spirit."

Senkowski began writing the script in 1988. The film was completed at the end of 1992.

Within the movie Junior ridicules Foster's approach to life and his emphasis on the laws of nature, forcing Foster to withdraw to an interior fantasy world.

Foster's visualization exercises get out of control when Satori, a ravenous creature of his mind, comes to life.

Satori brings to reality what was a mere daydream for Foster—the wish for legal reform on an unprecedented scale.

In his search for the answer to the question "To be or not to become a lawyer?", Foster discovers that:

- Each year more than 100,000 new lawyers are created; that's about 274 lawyers a day, 11 1/2 an hour and one every five minutes.

- In India, a lawyer costs 75 cents. The average case takes 17 years to resolve. The most common way to win a case is to simply outlive your opponent.

Filming *Lawyers* took place from October 1990 to August 1991. It was released April 2, 1993 at the Star John R Theatre in Madison Heights.

"This film has a lot of voiceovers which we were able to use up to the very end," Senkowski said. "You use voice overs as the glue to save yourself."

"You can't always go back and shoot that close up you needed or that scene you need. You suddenly realize you have a huge hole in your film. That's when you use the voiceovers."

Senkowski and Hamed formed a partnership, Lighten Up Films, Inc. which is based in Southfield. This was the first major film they created together.

Cost for the production was under \$1 million and was gathered through various resources. *Lawyers* was filmed at the Metropolitan Airport, in Royal Oak, at the Renaissance Center, the University of Michigan Law School and at Senkowski's house.

"We also shot at Cafe Cortina," Hamed said. "We were very fortunate with finding areas to shoot. Many times we had individuals or businesses approach us offering their establishments for us to use."

Hamed, who is originally from Akron, Ohio, has an eye for detail and is very conscientious about making sure the production is a success.

She attended the University of Akron, double majoring in Mass Communications and Business and Organizational Communications.

Her extensive production background includes involvement in numerous projects from concept to completion including film, broadcast, commercial and corporate presentations.

"I was kind of struggling to make it in the communications business," Hamed said. "I figured the idea of building a marketing side, those elements of business, would help. So I kind of jumped to that and came to Michigan from Ohio where I worked as a marketing assistant in various capacities."

Hamed ended up working at Continental Cablevision studio where she worked as a production coordinator.

"The nice thing about cable studios is it gives you the option to try your hand at many things," Hamed said. "There is so much flexibility so you can direct and produce."

"Through that process, I became a better producer. That's when I actually met Ron because he wrote some television commercials I produced and directed."

Hamed said she just became tired doing various things that were client driven.

"Ron enrolled in a master's program at the University of Michigan, studying film," Hamed said. "We got in touch again at a Detroit Producer's Association meeting on documentary film. He asked me then if I would be interested in producing his scripts on *Lawyers*."

Hamed has been instrumental in several award-winning projects including the CityVideo competition sponsored by the Arts & Entertainment Cable Network for "Southfield, The Center Of It All", and the prestigious ACE award for "SpeakOut."

She worked with Senkowski on his short film *Forever My Dog*. Senkowski, a Michigan native, spent most of his formative years settling arguments and subscribing to legal journals all in preparation for a career as an attorney.

After eight agonizing grade-point conscious years in high school and college, he discovered there was more to life than a transcript.

"I kind of just fell into film," Senkowski said. "I had gotten really drunk one Thanksgiving with a buddy, and we decided to go to Nicaragua for Christmas. We took a bunch of equipment, cameras, and we made a documentary."

"This documentary threw me into the whole arena of film." Senkowski and his friend gathered \$16,000 from charitable organizations in Ann Arbor to produce a documentary film on a garbage truck.

Senkowski later landed a job with CBS news while he was there and stayed longer.

"I came back from Nicaragua and found out that a short film I had scripted had been chosen to be produced at the University of Michigan as part of the master's program," Senkowski said. "That meant that I had a chance to direct it. That film *One In A Silent House* played at the Maple Theatre in Bloomfield where I was able to raise \$20,000 to make another film."

The second film he created, *Forever My Dog*, also played at the Maple Theatre.

"I ended up selling that film to about 13 or 19 foreign countries," Hamed said. "We got good reviews here. That gave us a lot of credibility and enabled us to use it as a calling card to raise the money and begin pitching for *Let's Kill All The Lawyers*."

What did the film duo learn the most from their first major production?

"For me I think I learned that I can make movies in Michigan," Hamed said. "It took a lot of perseverance, and I hope that I've learned from my mistakes so we can make an even better production next time."

For Senkowski, pacing was the most important lesson he conquered.

"When you write something on paper, it gets translated about 20 times," Senkowski said. "First you edit it, and it goes through drafts. Then you have to adjust for the actor to his or her style. Then you have to look at the performance on tape or on film."

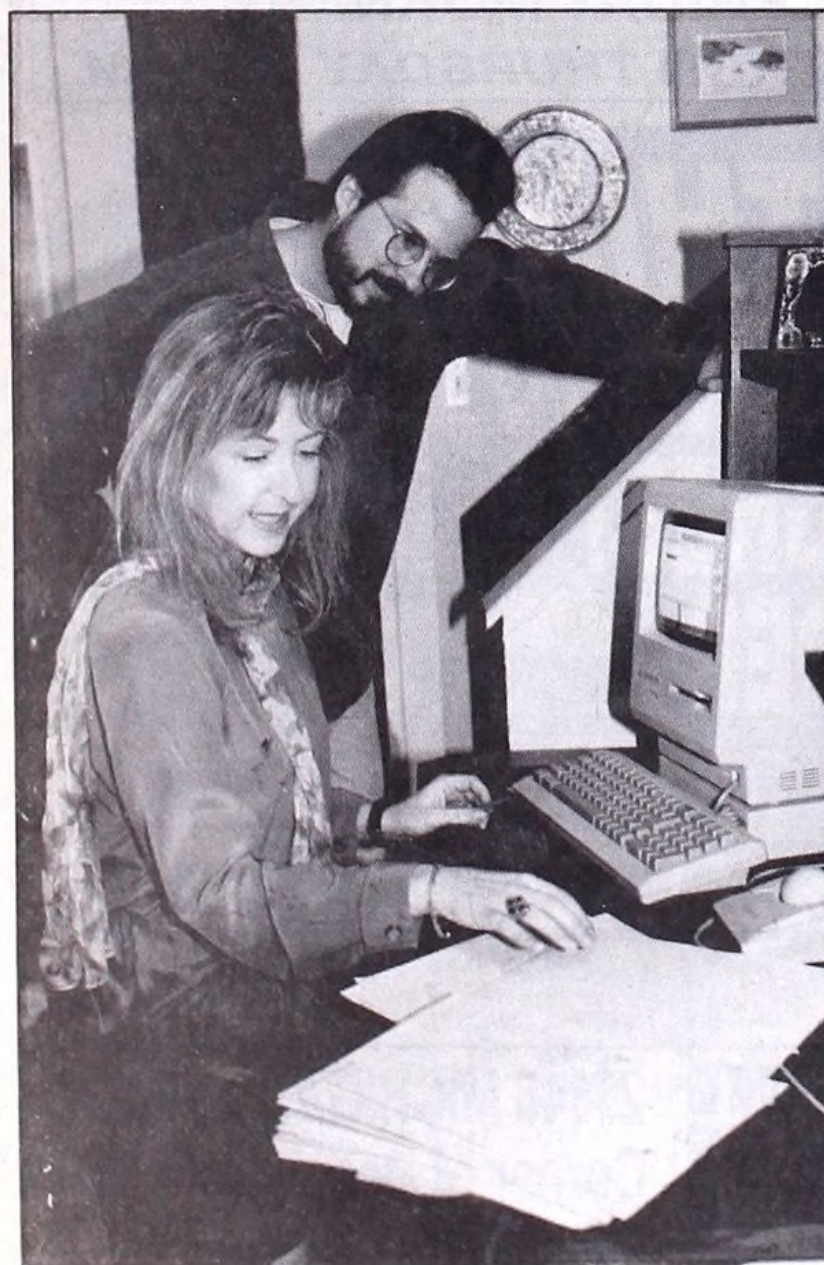
"Pacing is definitely the key to making a successful film." Hamed and Senkowski are already working on another feature film entitled *Love Affair* which is about the painter Jackson Pollock and stars Willem Dafoe.

"This is based on the memoirs of his former lover who was also an artist and had a long term affair with him," Hamed said.

Let's Kill All The Lawyers stars Rick Frederick as Foster Merkul, James Vezina as Junior Rawley and Michelle Devuono as Satori.

The movie is now showing at local theatres.

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Let's Kill All The Lawyers director and producer Shannon Hamed and Ron Senkowski said their friendship and faith helped to make *Lawyers* a success. ANP photo by Larry Divizio



OBITUARIES

Friar, Charles

Charles Wayne Friar, 58, of Westland, died April 4, 1993 after a brief bout with cancer. Born in Lee County, Va. on Dec. 15, 1934, he served as a military policeman in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

Following his discharge he moved to Michigan and held various offices in both the Livonia American Legion Post No. 32 and the Westland AmVets Post, No. 171.

Survivors include his wife, Audrey (Van Beber) Friar of Westland; a daughter, Kathy Friar of Wayne; a son, Marc Friar of Detroit; four brothers, Hubert (Billie) Friar of Brooklet, Ga., Arthur (Beverly) Friar of Naples, Fla., Ernest (Jean) Friar of Livonia and Gerald Friar of San Diego, and two sisters, Hazel (Phil) Kaiser of Lake City and Martha (Fred) Hollon of Baraga.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Verna (Liford) Friar, and a brother, Oscar Joseph Friar.

The funeral was conducted by R.C. Tennyson at the Reece Funeral Home and interment was in Burchett Cemetery of Harrogate, Tenn. Arrangements were completed by the Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home in Westland and the Reece Funeral Home in Harrogate.

Wade, Stella

Stella Tillie Wade, 84, of Wayne, died April 4, 1993. Born on Oct. 12, 1908, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include a daughter, Sandra (James) Collins; two sisters, Gladys Witek and Mary Pinack; five grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Alfred, and a daughter, Gail Winekoff.

The funeral was at the Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Millar officiating. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery of Belleville.

The family suggests that memorials be sent to the Angela Hospice of Livonia.

Bodis, Stephen

Stephen John Bodis, 80, of Van Buren Township, died April 3, 1993 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

Born in Detroit on March 8, 1913, he was a retired millwright for Ford Motor Co. and a member of the United Auto Workers Local No. 898 and the Knights of Columbus. Survivors include his wife, Eleanore M. (Ozga); a son, Robert S. Bodis of Romulus; a daughter, Arlene Bodis of Southgate; a brother, Joseph of Dearborn Heights; a sister, Mary Angel of New Boston, and four grandchildren.

The funeral was at Crane Funeral Home with Father Alexander Wytrowski of St. Stephens Catholic Church officiating. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park of Flat Rock. The family recommends that memorials be sent in the form of mass cards.

Reid, Robert

Robert Edward Reid, 57, formerly of Wayne, died April 4, 1993 in Hillsdale Community Hospital.

Born on April 2, 1935, he was a former tankliner. He most recently lived in Osseo, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Janice; a daughter, Melissa; a son, Everette A.; a brother, James A.; a sister, Mary Lou Gratz, and two grandchildren, Lendzie E. and Lesley Lee.

The funeral was at the Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Millar officiating. Interment was in Parkview Cemetery.

Noland, Willie

Willie F. Noland, 75, of Wayne, died April 3, 1993 in Garden City Hospital.

Survivors include four grandsons, Thomas and Robert Brackney, Keith Noland and Brian Hallsell, and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Bennie Noland, and a daughter, Blanche Brackney Karbinsky.

The funeral was at the Uht Funeral Home with Brother Edward Boring officiating.

Loftin, Betty

Betty J. Loftin, 59, of Westland, died April 6, 1993 at Annapolis Hospital.

Born on Aug. 12, 1933, she was a para-professional.

Survivors include a son, Ronnie Black; a daughter, Theresa Vesely; two sons, Darin and Doran Black; four sisters, Mary, Shelby, Shirley and Peggy; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was at the Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Millar officiating. Interment was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West of Westland.

Corbin, Margaret

Margaret Corbin, 60, of Westland, died at home on April 6, 1993.

Survivors include her husband, William E.; four sons, Daniel, David, Kevin and James; two daughters, Debra Wilson and Beth, and three grandchildren.

The funeral was at Lents Funeral Home with the Rev. Neil Cowling officiating. Interment was in Our Lady of Hope Cemetery of Wyandotte.

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Explorer has been the sales leader in its class since introduction three years ago. Its spacious interior, computer-controlled electronically fuel-injected 4L V-6 engine and standard four-wheel anti-lock braking system are expected to be as popular with the law enforcement community as it has been with the general public. Another popular feature on the 4X4 model is the Electric Touch Drive, which allows drivers to engage four-wheel drive "on the fly."

Even before availability of the new options, many law en-

A new array of special service options is being added to help Explorer meet the rigors of police work.

forcement agencies have found Explorer to be well suited to the needs. Chuck Gauss, K-9 handler with the Taylor Police Department Special Operations Unit, uses his Explorer for daily patrols. His canine partner, Iroc, sits on the back seat, which is folded down and rubberized, and Gauss said the vehicle provides plenty of room for Iroc and the necessary equipment the two share. Explorer features 81.6 cubic feet of interior space, which is best in its segment.

The special service options on Explorer available to law agencies only, include heavy duty battery and alternator, engine oil cooler and copper bonding straps to reduce radio interference. The interior options include vinyl flooring and vinyl rear seat, special wiring (for roof lights), and in-operative roof door light switches to avoid unwanted visibility at night.

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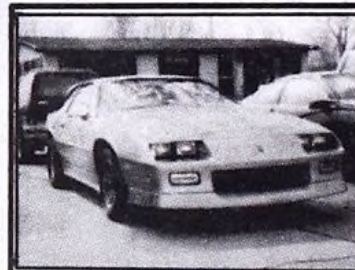
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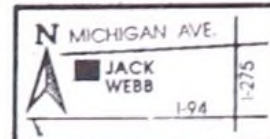
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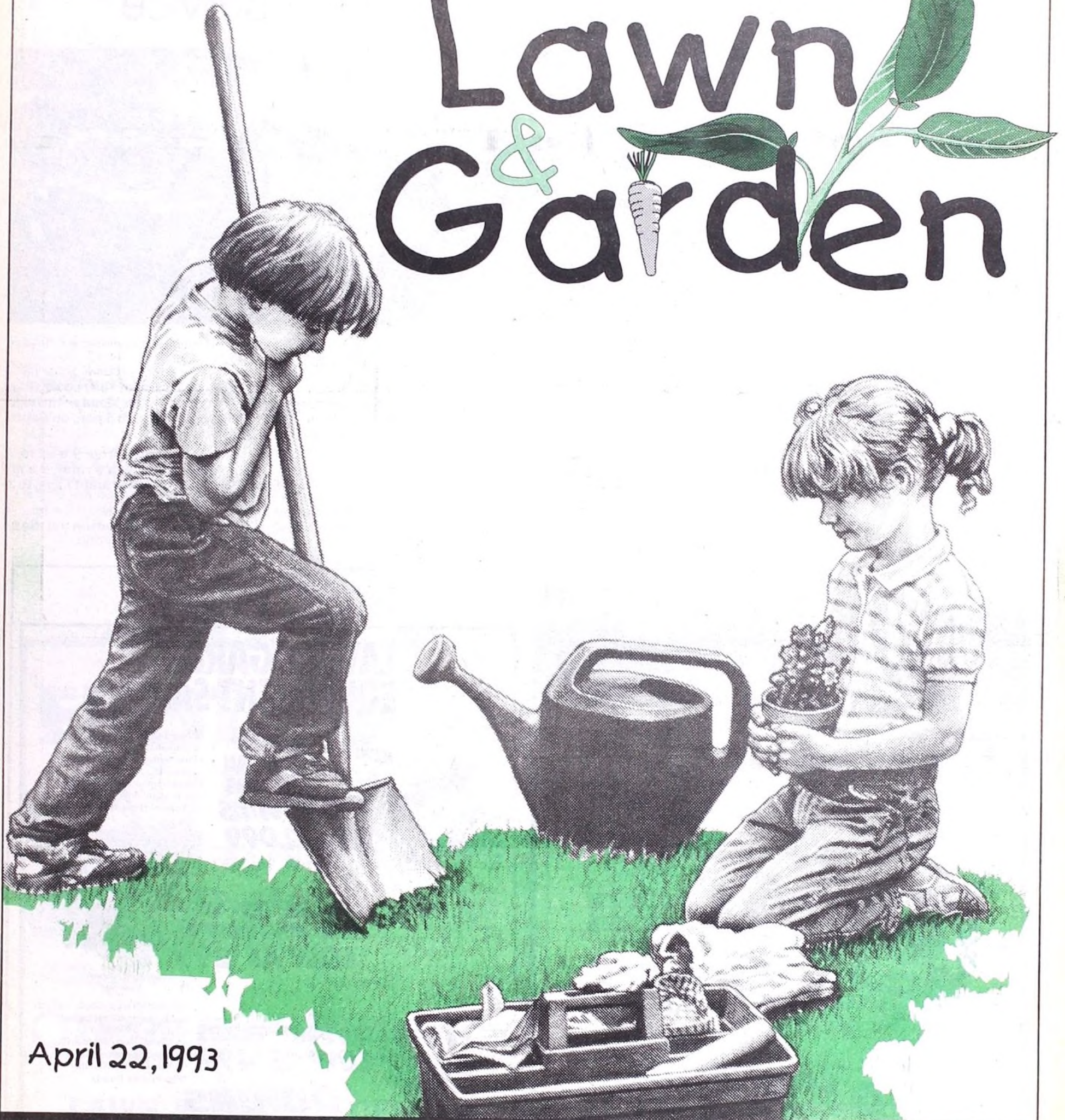
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Family business

Saxton's provides customized quality service

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Feature Editor

Warm weather is right around the corner, and that means it's time to check the garage to make sure you have the proper lawn and garden equipment for the upcoming planting season.

Saxton's Garden Center Inc., 587 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, has all the lawn and garden essentials and top quality brands to meet any customer's needs, according to Saxton's Garden owner Bill Saxton.

"We sell a wide variety of power equipment and parts, garden supplies and janitorial supplies," Saxton said. "We provide quality merchandise at a low cost. We carry all the name brands including John Deere, Honda, Stihl, Bolens, Lawn Boy and Troy Bilt."

As the weather starts to improve, Saxton said he is noticing more people getting ready to take care of their lawns and gardens.

"We have people here that have considerable experience and can provide answers to most any gardening question," Saxton said. "Our



Saxton's owner Bill Saxton believes in offering top quality service to his customers. He has many experienced employees who are ready to assist individuals with their lawn and garden questions. ANP photo by Larry Divizio

professional and quality service is what we provide to our customers."

Saxton's Garden Center Inc. has been in business for more than 65 years. It is a family-owned establishment, according to Saxton.

"We've been here since 1937," Saxton said. "We were located in Northville for nine years.

"We've had four generations of Saxtons run this business. We enjoy

taking care of our customers."

Saxton said he has the largest lawn and outdoor power equipment showroom in Wayne County. Customers are encouraged to browse through his store.

"We also have an excellent service department," Saxton said. "We repair all the merchandise we sell, and we repair equipment we don't sell."

Service hours for the repair shop are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Saxton's is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

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According to the experts at Grace-Sierra Horticultural Products Co., there are three secrets to growing thriving roses.

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Picking roses

Roses are available in a great many shapes and sizes, one of which will be right for you and your yard. For example, Hybrid teas are among the most popular roses due to their wide color scheme, strong aroma and their ability to grow from two to six feet tall.

Shrub roses grow from two to 10 feet tall and require little in the way of care once planted.

Floribundas grow their flowers in impressive clusters, while miniature roses grow equally beautiful, yet proportionately smaller blooms.

Rambling roses are also referred to as climbers, even though that's a bit of a misnomer.

Rambling roses don't have tendrils to help them creep up a fence or a trellis, so they need to be tied in place. The result, depending on the variety, is the same: either bright clusters of flowers or single, lovely blooms all in a row.

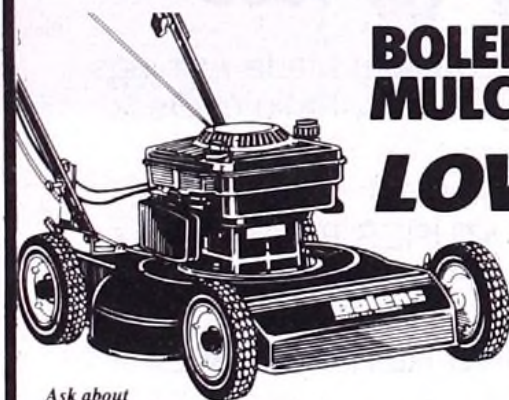
What is the right rose plant for your garden? That depends. There are many books available on the subject, or you can ask for help from the staff at your local nursery.



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Awnings improve looks of homes

Beauty can be functional, and these days, that dual purpose has proved a double incentive for homeowners visiting the Marygrove Awning Co. of Livonia.

William Bellinger, owner of the company, said not only do fabric awnings add to the attractiveness of a home, but the awnings can also make a home feel cooler.

"The main reason for purchasing an awning is for sun protection and cooling," Bellinger said. "People don't realize if you can stop the sun before it gets into the house it can reduce the interior temperature by as much as 10 to 15 degrees."

By helping to reduce the interior temperature, awnings can save a homeowner 10 to 15 percent on the amount normally spent for air conditioning, Bellinger said.

Awnings can also be used to shade patios and decks during hot summer months.

"Awnings do an excellent job of covering a deck or patio," Bellinger said. "People would get a lot more use with an awning over their deck."

"Another benefit is awnings would help store carpets and drapes from fading."

Bellinger said fabric awnings are preferred because they breathe, allowing warm air collecting next to the window to escape, unlike plastic awnings which trap the warm air.



Marygrove Awning is located at 12700 Merriman Road in Livonia. ANP Special Photo

Other advantages of fabric awnings include the quiet they provide compared to other awnings when it rains, and fabric awnings are easier to take down in the winter months and then reinstall for the summer, he said.

Marygrove Awning provides a storage and installation service to help homeowners maintain their investment.

While the name above the door

says awning, there is more for customers to see than just window coverings. Bellinger said the company can provide customers with tarps, covers for assortment of items and banners.

In fact, the Livonia store can provide an almost unlimited selection of fabric coverings, Bellinger said.

"We also sell fabric by the yard," Bellinger said. "The store stocks a

variety of canvas, vinyl and vinyl coated, acrylic and polyester fabrics.

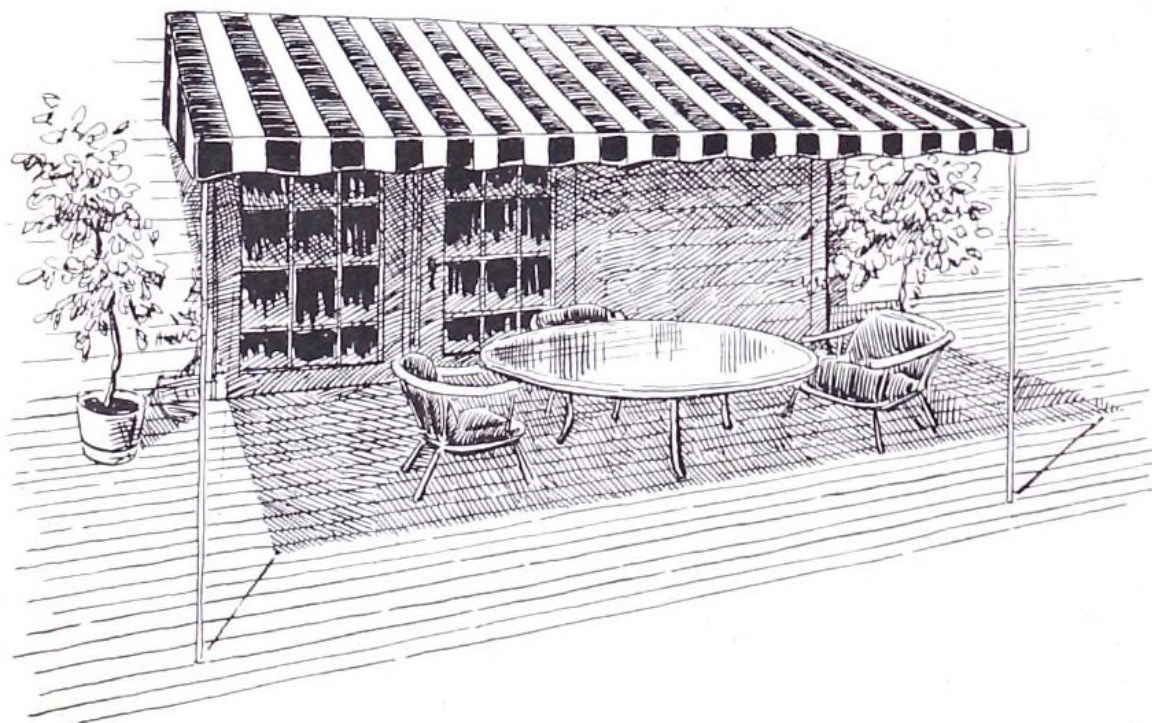
The awning company located at 12700 Merriman Road, between Plymouth and Schoolcraft roads, has been manufacturing, selling and installing fabric awnings since 1933. Store hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

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Lucas nursery still branching out after 18 years

By CRAIG GARRETT
ANP Staff Writer

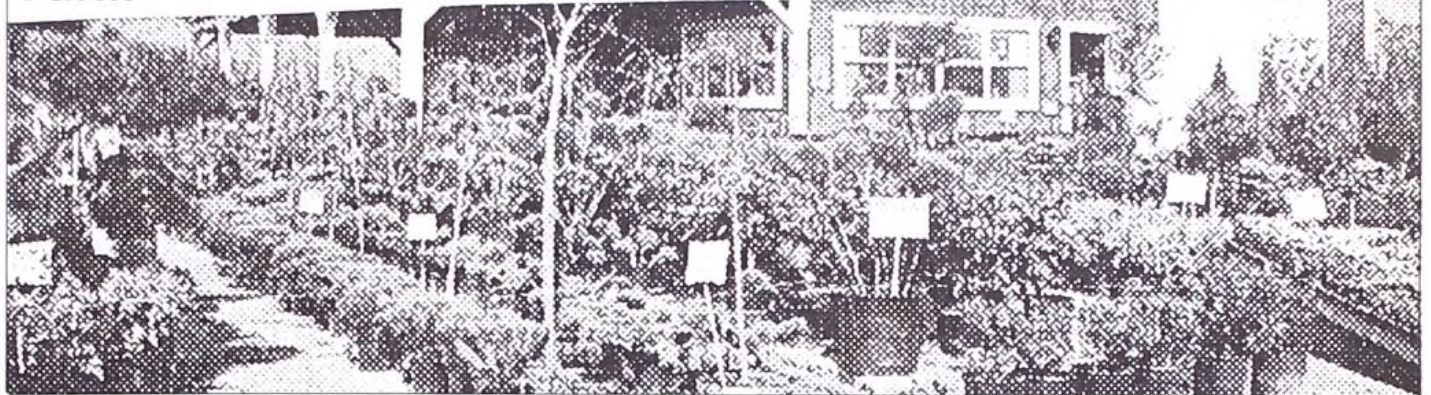
Trying to please every customer walking through the door has served Bob and Sandy Lucas, owners of *Lucas Nursery and Landscape Co.*, for 18 years.

"That's the name of the game," said Sandy Lucas, co-founder of the Canton Township tree and landscape business. "After all these years, we know what it takes. Word has gotten around and people trust us, that's the only way to do business."

The pair actually started the outdoor enterprise (at the time primarily lawn maintenance and landscape) from the downriver area expanding into Canton in 1975. Branching out, so to speak, the couple (and their four children) have two Ford Road retail locations today and have recently added 20 acres to the western Ford Road retail site. Total planting space has reached some 260 acres in Canton and Superior townships.

Lucas Nursery and Landscape specializes primarily in shade, ornamental and evergreen trees, including sugar maple, ash, pine, spruce, flowering crab and weeping jade, as an example. Young shade trees, or whips, are planted where they reach maturity within three to

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five years. During that period, Sandy Lucas said, each tree is carefully fertilized, pruned and shaped before it is unearthed at the beginning of the spring sales season, bundled and stationed in moist wood chips. And weather permitting, it appears the spring season is in full swing.

Customers from as far away as Chelsea, Ann Arbor, Saline and

Wixom make *Lucas Nursery and Landscape* their first stop for price and availability, Sandy Lucas said. The firm also supplies several large home builders and property developers throughout southeastern Michigan.

Both retail sites also provide fertilizer and weed control products, patio blocks and flower flats. Come Christmas time, wreaths, roping and

trees also are available.

"We basically work seven days a week from spring through Christmas," Sandy Lucas said. "It's a lot of work, but we truly love what we do."

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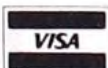
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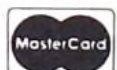
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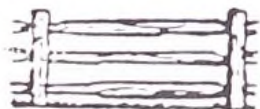
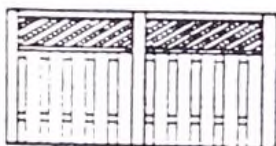
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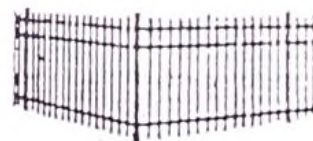
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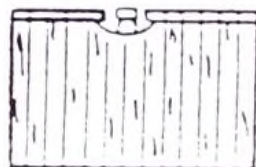
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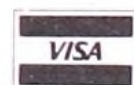
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In natural fertilizers, the nutrients are derived from natural sources, such as compost, feather and bone meal, cocoa bean shells and minerals.

Natural products contain, for the most part, nutrients not immediately available to plants. These nutrients must be broken down by microorganisms within the soil into a form which can be utilized by plants as food.

This ensures that they are released gradually, as plants need them, and provides food continually over a long period of time.

Slow-release fertilizing helps plants grow a natural pace and develop strong root systems.

On the other hand, the nutrients in chemical fertilizers are water-soluble and available to plants when first applied. This "blast" of

food creates quick growth and greening, but it is short term.

To continue feeding, you must continue to apply fertilizer. And chemical fertilizers often contain many more nutrients than plants can absorb in one application, so the excess washes away and creates a potential pollution risk.

Frequent applications of chemical fertilizers cause plants to grow too quickly above the ground before they have had time to develop root systems.

These top-heavy plants become chemically-dependent as they cannot absorb enough water and nutrients from the soil with their shallow roots.

Therefore, they must be watered and fed much more often than plants grown the natural way.

Grass that becomes dependent on chemicals for food is weak and susceptible to drought, pests and disease.

Natural fertilizers contain organic matter which is an essential element of healthy soil. Soil is the best growing medium for most grass and plants.

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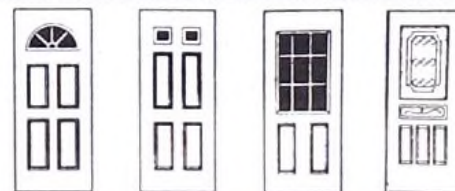
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Chemical-free vegetable garden requires planting practice

Growing a chemical-free vegetable garden involves more than simply browsing through the latest seed catalogs.

True, planting resistant cultivars help give vegetables a natural head start in the ongoing battle against bugs and disease. But experienced organic gardeners know it also takes good gardening practices, such as keeping plants well-fed and watered, cleaning the garden and rotating crops, to ensure a bountiful vegetable harvest.

If you're new to organic gardening, resist the urge to use synthetic fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides as a quick-fix solution for occasional crop disappointments.

Such chemicals damage plant tissue, in addition to posing long-term health and safety risks to gardeners and their families.

Replace harmful toxins with environmentally sound substitutions. Here are some reliable measures and new products that make gardening without chemicals a breeze:

Organic fertilizers and soil amendments

Say goodbye to chemical fertilizers. Compost and mineral supplements can nourish your soil and

crops just as well. Compost, considered one of the best soil conditioners, is made from decomposed organic matter, such as fruit rinds, hedge trimmings, sawdust and eggshells.

Organic fertilizers containing rock phosphate, greensand, bone-meal and other natural substances also help boost the content of specific soil nutrients.

Barriers

These essential supplies are found in every organic gardener's arsenal. For example, floating row covers, which are placed over many crops to protect them from flying insects, provide a safe, effective way to keep bugs from reaching plants.

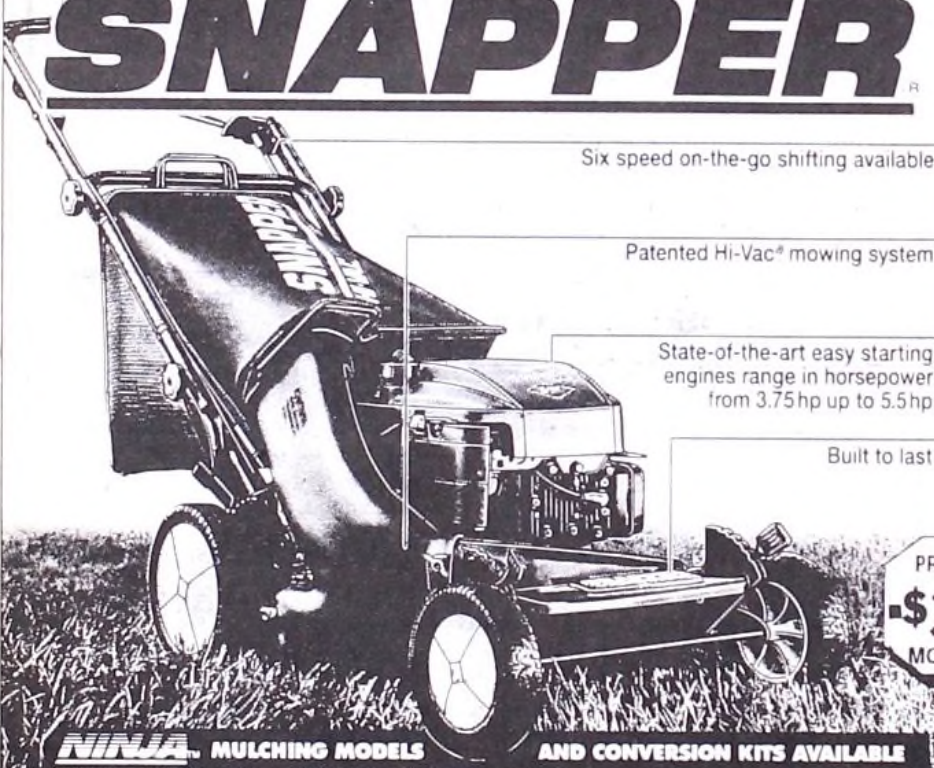
Besides blocking out insects, some barriers, such as Fast Start by Easy Gardener, produce a greenhouse environment when placed over plants or seeds.

Lightweight, clear-colored Fast Start allows sunlight and water to penetrate through the fabric while it warms the soil below.

Converting to a chemical-free vegetable garden is easy. All it takes is a little planning and care, and a commitment to help protect Mother Nature.



To guarantee a crop of hearty vegetables, protect newly-sown seeds and transplants from inclement weather and hungry animals with Fast Start, a plant and seed blanket from Easy Gardener. ANP Special Photo



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Furniture shop houses a variety of name brand patio items, clothing and jewelry

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Feature Editor

A unique family-owned furniture shop in Trenton draws a lot of customers throughout the year by housing top quality brands and the latest styles and colors in patio furniture.

Labadie's Casual Furniture, 1707 West Road, has been in business for 27 years. In one area of the establishment there is a wide variety of rattan and wicker, according to Vie and Norm Labadie, owners of Labadie's.

"We also sell electronics, mattresses and brass beds," Vie Labadie said. "We have a patio factory outlet which showcases 125 patio furniture sets."

The Labadie motto for success is "quality doesn't cost, it pays." Labadie said she and her husband guarantee the lowest prices in town.

"We will match or beat any price," Labadie said. "I also have a boutique in the back of the store where I have casual clothes that can be considered cruise wear."

"I also have a large selection of earrings, approximately 200 to 400 pairs of earrings."



Labadie's owners Vie and Norm Labadie enjoy offering their customers a variety of quality products for the entire family. ANP photo by Larry Divizio

Labadie's carries top brand patio furniture including Telescope, Homecrest, Winston and Brown Jordan.

Popular patio furniture colors this year include the white framed design and black and white matching styles.

"We also have a green frame

color which is really popular," Labadie said.

The Labadies originally opened an electronics store 15 years ago, however, they found selling patio furniture to be more successful.

"We believe in offering our customers quality service and quality products," Labadie said. "We want to make sure they leave here satis-

fied with their purchase."

Labadie's Casual Furniture is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

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Amish furniture highlights year-old firm

By CRAIG GARRETT
ANP Staff Writer

Affordable hand-crafted Amish furniture is being made available to the general public through a young firm which only did snow plowing and lawn trimming last year.

Binka Tree and Lawn Service (named after the co-founder's grandmother) is distributing Amish made outdoor and patio furniture through the Redford office, Binka general manager Brian Maloney said.

"Tom's (company president Tom Edwards) grandmother used to live across the street from Amish furniture makers when he was a child visiting up North (Michigan)," Maloney said. "That quality and craftsmanship always stayed with him and when the opportunity to represent Amish furniture makers arose, he immediately took it. It's been a good move for us so far."

Maloney said Edwards had seen a recent magazine article concerning Amish furniture and made a quick telephone call. A representative of the northern Michigan group, known world-wide for quality wood products, agreed to offer hand-crafted outdoor furniture through Binka's Redford location and sales have been strong so far this year despite cool spring weather.

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We can turn an average backyard into a thing of beauty and something to really enjoy.

Brian Maloney
Binka
general manager

Maloney said *Binka Tree and Lawn Service* only incorporated last

fall after an extremely successful year of snow plow and lawn service work.

"I think we were fortunate from the beginning because we stressed quality and responsiveness," 20-year-old Maloney said. "There are a lot of lawn, tree and snow firms out there, but we worked quicker and were neater. The extra attention to detail earned us a reputation for quality that most can't match."

Maloney said Binka's will offer Amish furniture through the Redford home office, plus the Gibraltar trade center north and south. Avail-

able, Maloney said, are number one premium pine and cedar chairs, chests, swings, gazebos, 6-foot picnic tables patio sets and settees.

The firm also offers brick patio and pond work, plus lawn, tree and snow removal work.

"We can turn an average backyard into a thing of beauty and something to really enjoy," Maloney said.

For further information telephone *Binka Tree and Lawn Service* at 538-7569, or stop by the Gibraltar Trade center in Taylor and Mt. Clemens for details.

Tiller toils in gardens, weeding, cultivating

Gardening is said to be the most popular outdoor activity in the U.S. surpassing golf, tennis, softball and touch football. It's no wonder. It's good exercise and fun.

People who enjoy gardening get a certain amount of pride in seeing their gardens transformed from a plot of overturned soil in the spring into attractive and healthy plants, flowers or vegetables in the summer.

Unless you have the right tools to work with however, gardening can be tough. One of the best tools for house and garden tilling, says Homelite, a leading manufacturer

of lawn and garden equipment, is the HTC-12 tiller-cultivators. Its compact design makes it ideal for cultivating and weeding large or small gardens, for mixing fertilizer or mulch and for weeding landscaped areas.

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and transport, a primer bulb on the engine designed for quick starting, a rugged, worm gear drive transmission for years of trouble-free operation and a see-through fuel tank that lets you easily check the fuel level. The tiller weighs only 24 pounds and is designed to run about a half hour on a tank of fuel.

The HTC-12 gas-powered tiller-cultivator is but one of the many labor saving devices in the free Homelite lawn and garden equipment catalog. For a copy, write Homelite, Dept. HP, PO Box 7047, Charlotte, NC 28241.

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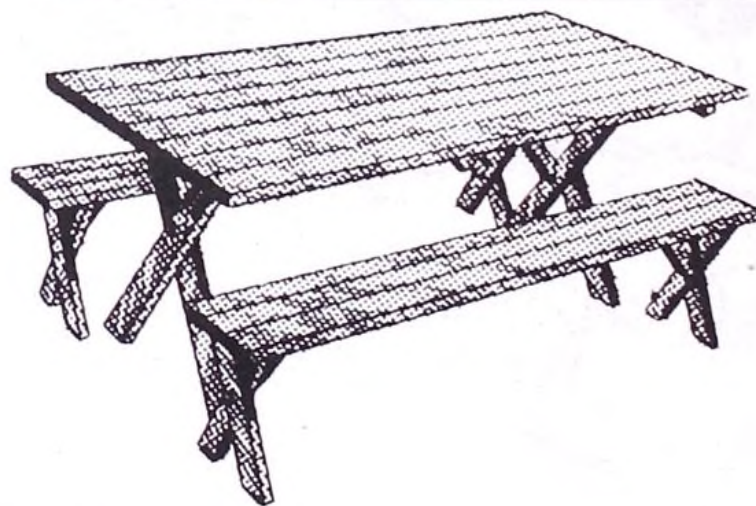
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For more than 30 years, Seidel has worked as a masonry craftsman. Today, his three sons are responsible for more of the masonry and stone work projects and Seidel is responsible for most of the administrative duties.

Once Seidel's sons reached the age of 9, he began teaching them about his trade and the detail involved with his craft.

"They've been putzing around with me since they were 8 or 9 years old," Seidel said. "As soon as they were old enough to mix mortar, they've been working. Now they are taking care of most of the business, and I'm mostly an administrator."

Today his sons are 22, 24 and 26. In the past 30 years, Seidel has seen many different stone craft trends. The most popular pattern includes rounded stone, he said.

"The irregular or multi-shaped stone is really popular now," Seidel said. "There was a time 30 or 40 years ago when square or rectangular-type stone was popular. Today

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If the economy is good there is always more than you can do.
- Gerhard Seidel

the trend has gone away from that."

The multi-shaped stone is the hardest to lay, according to Seidel.

"It also requires the most craftsmanship," Seidel said.

Seidel believes that the time involved in installing stone and the cost are reasons why many people tend to shy away from it. Although stone work may be a little more expensive, it isn't as expensive as most people would think, according to Seidel.

The growing popularity of stone craft construction keeps Seidel and his three sons busy.

"If the economy is good there is always more than you can do," Seidel said. "If you lose a job to one of your competitors, somewhere down the road you will usually pick up one of their jobs that they can't keep up with."

Seidel Stone Craft Construction has two locations, one in Southfield and the other in Cadillac.

Time to remove pesky weeds is immediately

Weeds can destroy the serenity of any home lawn.

Broadleaf weeds, such as dandelions, pigweed and ragweed, are common lawn invaders and difficult to eradicate.

Fortunately, they're easy to pull out by hand and nearly any child can handle the task if an adult demonstrates how to do it correctly.

The best time to pull weeds is when the earth is loose or soft, such as in spring, a day or two after a light rain.

Because a weed's roots can grow much longer below ground than its above ground height, it's important to pull straight up to get as much of the root as possible.

It's also important to grasp the weed at the crown, the thick-stemmed area just above the soil surface, to pull out the entire plant.

If a lawn has an abundance of broadleaf weeds, a weed-killing spray can be applied, but only as a

last resort. Never apply an herbicide in the presence of children or pets and strictly follow label directions.

Weeds around shrubs and trees

Though most grasses won't grow in the shade around the bases of shrubs and trees, some weeds seem not to mind.

Any family member can remove the weeds by pulling them out by hand, then use a spade to dig up any weed roots remaining below the soil surface.

The next step may require two or more people, depending on the size and shape of the shrub or tree. Place a strip of landscape fabric on the soil in a ring around the trunk securing it with fabric pegs.

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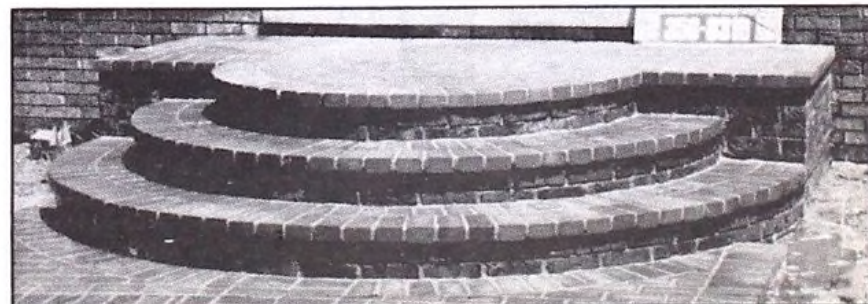
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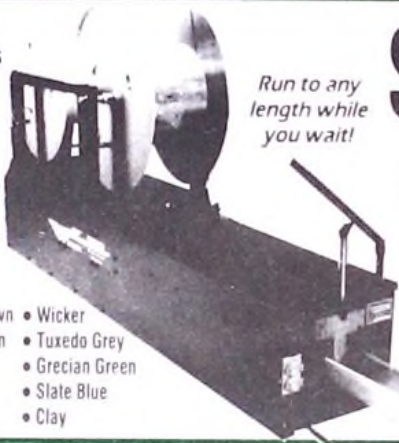
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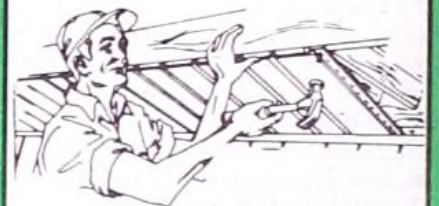


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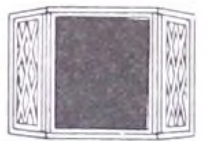
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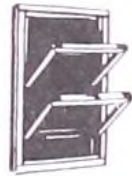
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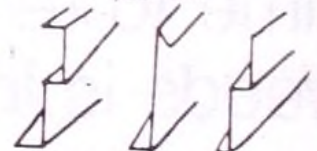


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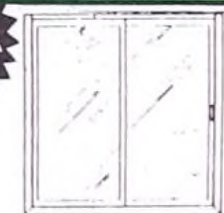
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Quote of the Week

"Remember, you're in WESTERN Wayne County." Quipped Bellefonte City Manager Jeff Przygocki when a bidder teased him about accepting a tip along with the bid sheet.

Of Note

Belleville police chief retires in June

After serving more than 30 years with the Belleville Police Department, Chief Willard Dockter plans to retire on June 30. Dockter joined the Belleville police force in 1959 and was appointed to his present post in 1982. His retirement was instituted through an early retirement program enacted by the city council. Following his retirement, Dockter will continue to serve as a consultant to the city for the next two years at a wage of \$18 an hour or up to \$5,000 annually. Three of Dockter's sons, Gary, Tim and Alan, also serve as law enforcement officers.

Knife-wielding man robs gas station

A lone bandit armed with a camping knife robbed the woman attendant of the Total Service Station at Middlebelt and Eureka in Romulus on Tuesday. The victim told police that the bandit walked into the station office about 7:40 p.m. and demanded "open the register." When the woman complied, he grabbed a handful of paper money and stuffed them in his pocket. The bandit then grabbed the attendant's arm and led her to a rear bathroom and told her to stay inside until he completed his get away. The bandit was described as a light complected black male, about six feet tall and weighing about 180 pounds. He was wearing blue jeans and jacket, white tennis shoes and white gloves.

Conferences set for Wayne residents

A May 10 disposition conference has been scheduled for three Wayne residents charged with armed robbery before Detroit Wayne County Recorder's Court Judge M. John Shamo. Jason Will, 19, Cory Nash, 19 and Patrick Williams, 22, allegedly took money, jewelry and beepers from various individuals 11:30 p.m. March 15 at George's Fun Center parking lot, 35501 west Michigan Ave. All three suspects appeared for an examination April 5 before 29th District Court Judge Carolyn Archbold. A \$1,000 bond was set for Nash, and Will and Williams each received a \$5,000 bond. Williams was also charged with felony firearm, according to Wayne police Lt. Mel Drews. The Wayne residents were arraigned before Judge Gail McKnight at an out county court. Wayne police arrested Williams on a second armed robbery incident which occurred 9:45 p.m. March 23 at George's Fun Center. He was charged with armed robbery on the March 23 incident, and a \$10,000 cash bond was set. All the arrests were a result of an investigation conducted by Wayne police Sgt. Chris Johnson and Sgt. Bob McIntyre, according to Drews.

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Battle for airport security control continues

By AL POST
ANP Staff Writer

The emotion-charged battle over control of the security forces at the Detroit-Wayne County Airport has been put on a technical hold until at least May 5. Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Diane Hathaway blocked (for at least two weeks) County Sheriff Robert Ficano's threat of firing all of his former deputies, who had been sworn in as Airport Police officers. Hathaway on Wednesday cited the stress the current deputies were enduring while Ficano and County Executive Ed McNamara fought for control of the security force, issued the legal block and urged Ficano to obtain independent counsel prior to that date. The battleground of the legal tussle expanded from the courts to the Wayne County Commissioners chambers on Friday, as Ficano sought to finalize for control of the sheriff's department equipment at the airport, including vehicles, narcotic tracking dogs and even specially trained officers. Ficano was first alerted to the takeover of the airport-based forces April 16 by Airport Director Robert Braun.

"If one of the new Airport Police officers at a later date wants to switch to downtown Detroit offices of the Sheriff's Department, they would do so without losing any seniority or to face any job penalty."

Donald Cox

Ficano went to court the same day to try to have Braun's actions halted, but Hathaway rejected his bid. Following that judicial action, Braun's forces began swearing in deputies at the airport and issuing the Airport Police shoulder patches and temporary badges. New badges were slated for distribution last Friday, but reportedly were not to arrive until late in the day. The distribution was slated to begin Saturday and continue this week. Donald Cox, president of the Deputy Sheriff's Local 502, AFL-CIO, then charged that Ficano

was issuing the threats of firings at daily roll calls. Cox said Ficano was telling the deputies anyone sworn in by Friday would be automatically fired and he also was demanding they turn in their former deputy badges and identification papers. Cox said the 1,200 county deputy sheriffs feel that Wayne County is their ultimate employer and that they want the switch to the Airport Police division to be considered a job transfer. "If one of the new Airport Police officers at a later date wants to switch to downtown Detroit offices of the Sheriff's Department, they would do so without losing any seniority or to face any job penalty," Cox said. Candace L. Avery, Sheriff's Department public information director, said Ficano's comments on firings is based on the strongly held belief that no person "can serve two masters." For the public, the view of security officers at the airport shows little change. The new Airport Police are the same men serving the airport the week before and even the uniforms and cars are the same. The only differences are new shoulder patches and badges attached to the uniforms and signs on the police car doors now say "Airport Police" instead of Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

Language link East meets West in classroom

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
Belleville City Editor

While their husbands are working and their older children are at school, a group of Japanese women practice conversational English in a twice-weekly class. "Today, we'll be talking about having a bad day," said instructor Debbie Green prior to the Wednesday afternoon session. "We do our lessons in story telling form. I ask about a bad day that they've had, and they talk about some of their experiences." From their conversations, the good days seem to far outweigh the bad ones for the women. Each was eager to talk about her good experiences, but none seemed ready to discuss any negative ones. When quizzed about what they liked most about their stay in the United States, Yoko Shibushita said, "People are kind." "I like the big house, the big garden and people with big hearts," said Terumi Yamamoto. The educational system and the opportunities for volunteerism in the schools impressed Yoko Kurisu whose son attends Plymouth-Salem High School and daughter attends West Middle School. "It's important for me to experience another culture. It also helps me to see the Japanese culture again in contrast," said Yoko Sasaki. "I enjoy orchestras and I've attended concerts in Detroit, Chicago and Toronto." Instructor Debbie Green has taught English as a second language for 10 years, and wel-



Instructor Debbie Green helps Yoko Snibushita and Terumi Yamamoto with their English language studies during classes in Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton Township where the wives of Japanese automotive executives are learning to speak, read and write during their stay in America. ANP photo by Ken Garner. came the opportunity to teach the conversational English class to the wives and families of Mazda Manufacturing (now Auto Alliance, Inc.) staff members from Japan. In addition to those associated with the Mazda firm, some families of staff members of Nissan and other Japan-based businesses have joined the class. While their mothers are learning a new language, the children play in an adjoining room at Geneva Presbyterian Church on Sheldon Road which provides the meeting facilities. "We have two semesters, and sometimes

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Store owner plagued by series of robberies

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Feature Editor

A Wayne business owner is very distraught over the more than five armed robberies which have occurred at his 7-11 Food Store on Annapolis within the last six months. Darwin Snyder, manager and co-owner of the Wayne 7-11, believes the recent bond reduction for Inkster resident Jovan Claybron, 18, who was allegedly involved in the March 26 7-11 armed robbery, was unjust. Claybron was arrested by the Wayne Police Department and charged with armed robbery. On April 14 he appeared for an examination before 29th District Court Judge Carolyn Archbold, and the initial \$25,000 cash bond was reduced to \$10,000 or 10 percent. "We've had a rash of robberies within the last five to six months," Snyder said. "Out of those incidents, only one individual was sent to a juvenile home. "I didn't think with this last incident the bond should have been reduced. He's now back on the streets until his next court date downtown. Who knows what will happen then. This process is a little too lax in my book." Snyder said he has applied every means of

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Darwin Snyder

security to protect the business and his employees. "I think her actions (Judge Carolyn Archbold) were not right," Snyder said. "I think our business and the life of my employees is worth more than she has assessed it at. This guy could come back for retribution." Snyder praised the Wayne Police Department with the investigation of the various robberies. "Everyone did a good job until it came to the reduction of the bond," Snyder said. "It's incredible that drunk drivers are being treated harsher than armed robbers. To me, armed robbery is a drastic crime only less than murder." Snyder said in the last 13 years he has run the

7-11 an average of one robbery every two years took place. "We just have to put a stop to this," Snyder said. Archbold said her actions were within the parameters prescribed in these situations. She said had she had taken any other action on the bond on April 14, she wouldn't have been impartial. She said by law she has to follow certain procedures. "It's my job to be impartial," Archbold said. "When I hear a bond argument, and most involve lowering a bond, there are several factors by court rule a judge has to look at. "I have to consider his prior criminal record, his record of appearance or non-appearance in court, his ties to the community and recommendations from the police officer in charge of the case and prosecuting and defending attorneys." Archbold said if there was a case where the defense attorney requested a bond reduction, but the officer in charge had substantial information of a previous criminal history, than she would have to take that into consideration with lowering the bond. "I can only make a decision based on the information that is provided to me," Archbold said. "I

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Proposal A receives failing grade from local schools

By TOM MOORADIAN
ANP Staff Writer

It may be called "The Star Plan", but if the majority of local school superintendents had their way, the star would be falling.

Proposal A, also known as the STAR plan (School and Taxpayer Agenda for Reform), is a proposed constitutional amendment that would roll back school property taxes to 20 mills, increase the state sales tax from 4 to 6 cents and guarantee all schools spend a minimum of at least \$5,000 per pupil.

The proposal would also limit future property assessment hikes to 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less, if approved.

A special election, scheduled for June 2, will determine the fate of the proposal.

Dr. William Bedell, superintendent of Romulus schools, says the proposal is too vague, confusing, and is asking the voters and taxpayers to believe something that truly isn't. He is also suspicious of Gov. John Engler's motivation for supporting the proposal.

"Engler's motivation is not to help the schools or the child of this state, but to fulfill a campaign promise, specifically, to cut property taxes."

"And we're not sure that this proposal will even do that."

Bedell added that the ill-advised proposal would destroy school such districts as Romulus.

"For years we have worked to become an out-of-formula school district," Bedell continued, "and we finally accomplished our goal. Now this governor comes along and wants to take from our children what so many have worked so hard to give them. Why does he need to involve the out-of-formula school districts?"

As opposed to an in-formula school district which requires state aid to help finance the district, an out-of-formula school district generates enough tax revenues to meet the financial obligations with little or no reliance on state help.

Bedell also said that if the proposal is approved, it would open the door for a state take-

"This over-reliance on property tax to fund schools must end."

James Richendollar
superintendent of Van Buren schools

over of the local school district.

"Proposal A would remove schools out of the jurisdiction of the local school board and hand it over to the state."

Inkster School Superintendent Dr. Edmond Beverly also expressed some concerns over the pending legislation.

"It would definitely hurt our school district if this proposal were to be approved by the voters," Beverly said. "On one hand, the state would give us a little more money, but then take it with the other hand by forcing us to pay such things as retirement, Social Security taxes, plus some of the categoricals."

"We definitely are not in favor of this proposal," Beverly added.

However, James Richendollar, superintendent of Van Buren schools, believes that

outery for property tax and school finance reform because of the instability and the inequateness of the tax. We are presently levying 45.25 mills for schools in this school district and this is putting a burden on our residents. This proposal is more equitable."

The Michigan Association of School Boards apparently agrees. Earlier this month, the MASA pledged to support Proposal A. The support came in a unanimous vote by the 21-member board of directors.

"Correcting school funding inequities of this magnitude requires pulling together for the good of all children, not just those in one district," said Jim Dittmer, a past MASA president, from Mason County Central Schools.

Justin King, MASA executive director, added: "What's good about this plan is that funding from the sales tax increase will be guaranteed by the Constitution. School districts will no longer be pawns in the political process."

Voters mixed on Proposition A

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
Belleville City Editor

More than half of the area residents surveyed about Proposition A are still undecided on the merits of the proposal which will appear on the June 2 ballot.

The remainder of those surveyed voiced strong opinions pro and con on the issue.

Proposition A, if approved, would raise the sales tax from four cents to six cents on each dollar spent, excluding food. In turn, the proposal would roll back property taxes to between 18 and 27 mills.

"No, I won't vote for it," said Inkster school teacher Georgia Sutherby. "It's the same as the old Lottery game. It won't help education."

"Schools can't function with the pittance that the plan will

provide. Local districts will go back to the taxpayers for more money, and they will say 'No, we're paying sales taxes for education.' Districts won't be able to pass future millages," said Sutherby.

"I'll vote yes," said Jim Bargo of Wayne. "Everyone has to pay sales tax, so it's fair for everybody."

"They'll get you both ways - property or sales tax," said Roger Dolcino of Wayne. "They tell us that if they raise sales tax, they'll lower taxes on our houses. But, they'll end up raising the appraisals and our taxes will go up."

"Two cents more won't hurt anyone. I don't mind paying more sales tax," said Joan Rich of Inkster.

Eleanor Zoubaris of Westland is uncertain of how she

will vote on the June 2 ballot.

"I'll have to read more about it. It's a very serious issue," Zoubaris said. "I'd like to hear more about it from both sides."

A Dearborn Heights woman said she preferred the present tax system to the one proposed on the June 2 ballot.

"People can deduct their property taxes from their income tax, but not their sales taxes," the woman said.

A Wayne resident stopped his vehicle to comment "it's the same old tax and spend" to the *Associated Newspapers* reporter.

Two Canton Township restaurant patrons and two Wayne senior citizens said they did not know enough about the proposal to make a decision.



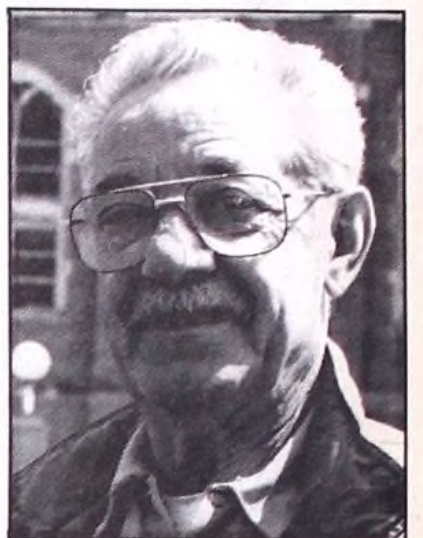
Christine Bentley,
Sumpter Township

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Eleanor Zoubaris,
Westland

I need to learn more about it before I decide. It's a very serious issue.



Roger Dolcino,
Wayne

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Joan Rich,
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Georgia Sutherby,
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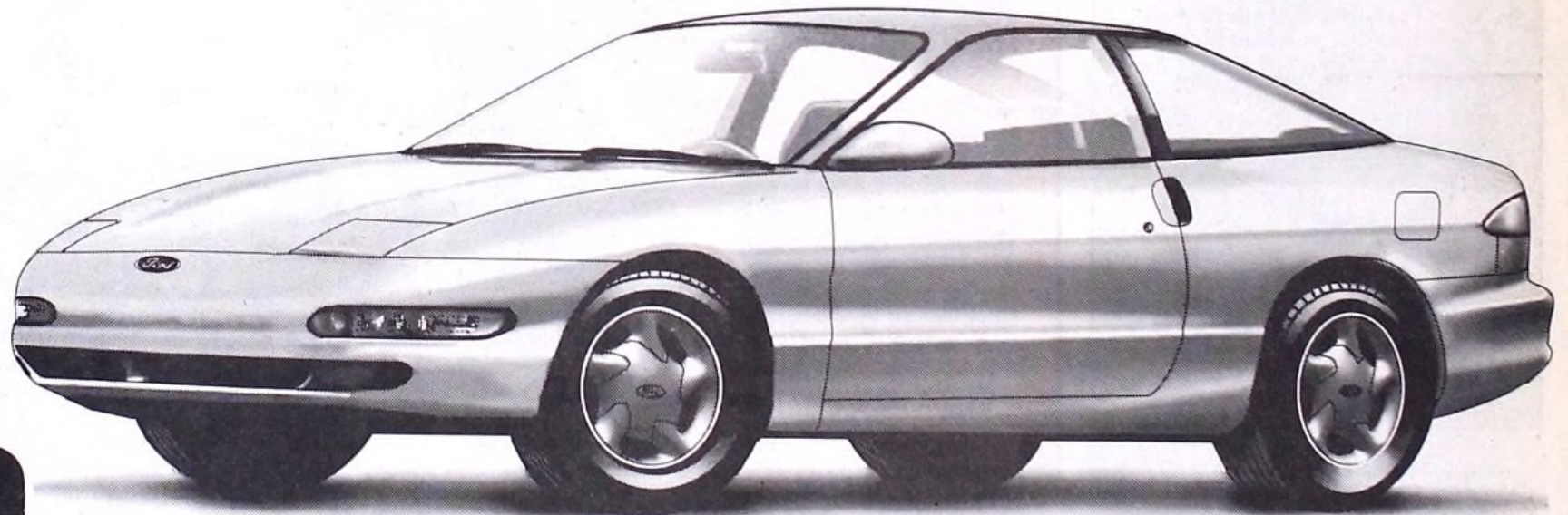
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Mary Jo Cobello-Schubert

Hicks Elementary fourth grade teacher Mary Jo Cobello-Schubert is actually living out her dream to be what she's always wanted to be—a clown.

Before Cobello began teaching in the Wayne-Westland District, she worked for Ringling Brothers Circus.

"My first love actually was dancing," Cobello said. "I en-

joy ballet and jazz. I got started clowning after I graduated from John Glenn High School in 1980."

Cobello has worked as "Bingo" the clown at the Ground Round in Farmington Hills and "Jo Jo" the clown at the Red Parrot.

She said clowning helped her achieve her college degree from Marygrove College in Detroit.

"I also did some work at Disney World in Florida where I was Chip," Cobello said.

"Clowning is very rewarding. I enjoy clowning because I love children.

"I even have a unit on clowning here with the students."

Cobello said with clowning an individual has to develop themselves from inside.

"It takes lots of training and you have to love children," Cobello said.

Cobello uses her clown techniques for various parties and other special occasions.



Judge Carolyn Archbold

If 29th District Court Judge Carolyn Archbold hadn't decided to fight for the rights of individuals, she said she would have been a business woman.

"I think I would be at General Motors in some corporate setting," Archbold said. "I had almost decided to go into a partnership before this position came up."

Archbold said she has enjoyed her career as a judge. After contemplating for a moment or two on what she really would be if she wasn't a judge, she confessed the job she really wants would require a little dancing and singing.



Karen Hardin

Westland City Assessor Karen Hardin never dreamed she would one day enter her present profession.

As a child, Hardin dreamed of becoming a nurse or teacher. As an adult, married at a young age, Hardin had children and planned on being a homemaker.

However, when Hardin's youngest child started first grade, she decided to go back to work to supplement her husband's income. She's been working ever since.

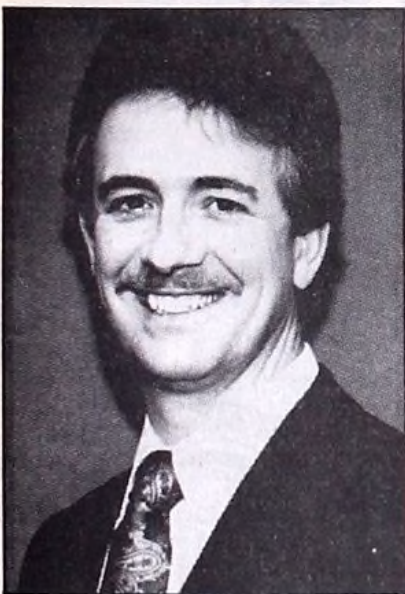
By 1975, Hardin started working for the City of Westland, holding many different positions, however, most of her jobs with the city were secretarial and that's how she got her start in the assessor's office.

"Through the bumping procedure, I ended up in the assessor's office as a secretary. I never dreamed I would go any further than being a secretary," Hardin said.

Within two years, Hardin became a licensed appraiser for the City of Westland.

In 1988, Hardin moved away from Michigan and became an appraiser for the State of Arizona. Shortly after returning to Westland in 1991, Hardin was hired as the City of Westland Assessor.

"Much to my surprise, I was awarded the position. I never in the world thought I would end up being an assessor for the city I worked for so long," Hardin said.

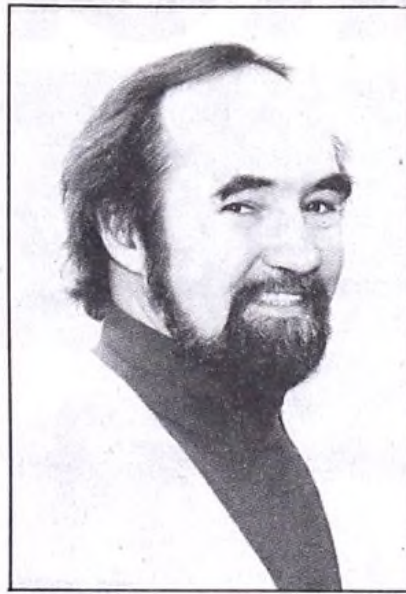


Larry Lane

Westland Fire Chief Larry Lane said he wouldn't have changed a thing, in his career. While in high school Lane aspired to being an architectural engineer, however once he started going to college, he changed his mind.

"I started going to school and didn't think I'd be real happy there," Lane said.

After leaving college, Lane began working as a carpenter when a friend talked him into training to be a fireman. Lane has been with the city a total of 22 years and the fire chief for the past 6-1/2 years.



Thomas Dolan

If Romulus Senior High School Principal Thomas Dolan had selected a different vocation earlier in life, it would have been that of a gardener.

Dolan, who is considered somewhat of a creative force in education, revealed he "loves the freedom, the fresh air and the creativity of gardening."

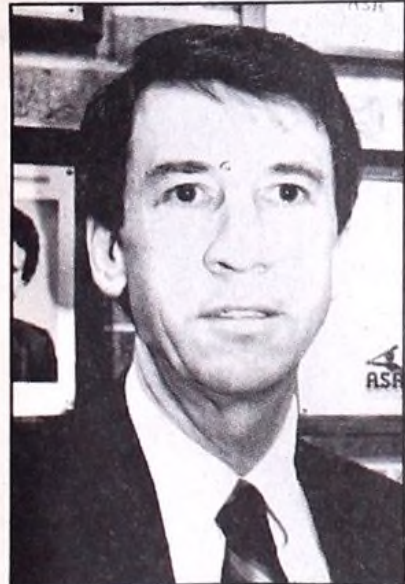
Loving to add beauty to life, Dolan said, and he often has placed various live plants around the school building--

including unique rubber plants.

The current high school remodeling and renovation program has curtailed that effort at the moment, he said, but the massive new athletic center allows school personnel to add another touch of life there.

In addition to "live" studies at school, Dolan has used his green thumb at home where for years he has grown a wide assortment of flowers and vegetables.

While his roots probably will remain deep in education for many years, Dolan is happy that he will never have to retire from his love of gardening.



Mike Gouin

Mike Gouin--director of Parks and Recreation Services in Canton Township and former professional and Hall-of-Fame softball player might have found a somewhat different vocation if circumstances had been different in his life.

"I'd probably find myself somewhere in the ministry. What I do now is great and improves the quality of life for many people, so I am serving the community in that way and I'm very content with what I do. But if I had a second chance I'd be somewhere in the world serving Him full time--it's one of the most important things in my life right now."



James Richendollar

When Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent James Richendollar and Sumpter Township Clerk Joan Oddy compared notes at a recent Substance Abuse Task Force meeting, they both noted that their childhood goals were to be teachers.

"I wanted to be a teacher and a coach," said Richendollar, who fulfilled both of his goals in the Van Buren Public Schools before being named superintendent of the district.

Oddy, a former teacher, also had considered being a registered nurse before being elected to her present post.



Janet Millard

If she had not chosen a business career, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Secretary Janet Millard would have been an Indy 500 race car driver - maybe!

"When I was 15 or 16, that's what I wanted to be. I loved fast cars and I thought it would be great to be a race driver," Millard said. "As time went by, I learned to drive more slowly, and I changed by career goal."

Millard said she briefly wanted to be a police officer when she was a youngster.



Margie C. Rose

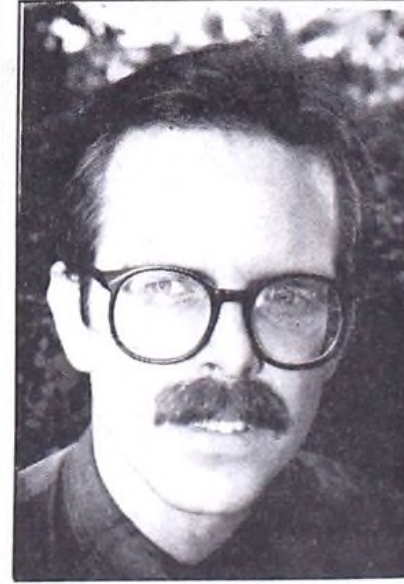
As assistant city manager of the city of Inkster, Margie C. Rose has many responsibilities including helping residents solve problems.

During her 14 years with Inkster, Rose also has worn many hats. She was an interim city manager, as well as an interim director of Public Works.

And what would this Georgia transplant, if she had to do it all over again, liked to have been?

With a smile, she replied: "A doctor."

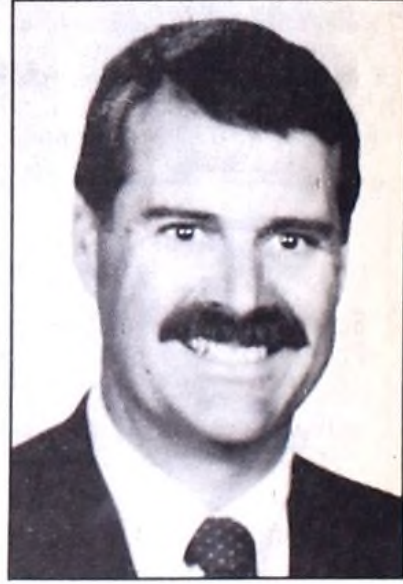
"I love working with and helping people," Rose added. "Being a doctor takes that to the highest dimension."



Ken Voyles

Ken Voyles--Canton Township administrative assistant and former newspaper editor and reporter.

"Definitely an author. It's something I haven't given up on--I have many ideas for the Great American novel. I also want to write children's and adventure stories. If a book publisher gave me three months and a whole lot of money up front, I'd probably chuck it all right now and sit down at the keyboard. Don't get me wrong, my job is great, but everyone has a dream and mine is writing books."



Loren Bennett

Loren Bennett--second-term clerk of Canton Township, former trustee and real estate broker.

"I've done some exciting things in my life, but in 42 years I've never been happier than I am right now. I wouldn't change a thing. I haven't set an alarm clock in five years and many times I have to drag myself out of the office. Serving Canton residents is an honor and another 30 years of this and I could honestly say I had a wonderful life."



Diane Fritz

Westland City Clerk Diane Fritz wanted to be a Lutheran school teacher when she was a child. In high school, she aspired to be a legal secretary. After graduating, Fritz took a job at Delta Airlines until she started her family. Since working for the airlines involved working various shifts, Fritz decided it would be more convenient to have a 9 to 5 job while raising a family. Fritz began working for the city in the clerk's office and worked her way up to city clerk through various positions in that office.



Robert J. Thomas

Westland Mayor Robert J. Thomas said he would've been an attorney if he had not entered politics. The mayor also said he considered working in the law enforcement area. "I never would have thought I'd be a politician," Thomas said. Thomas admitted that he still thinks about becoming a lawyer and that one day, when he's no longer mayor, he may go back to school and give it a shot. "I know I could have been a lawyer. It would be an interesting career," Thomas said.

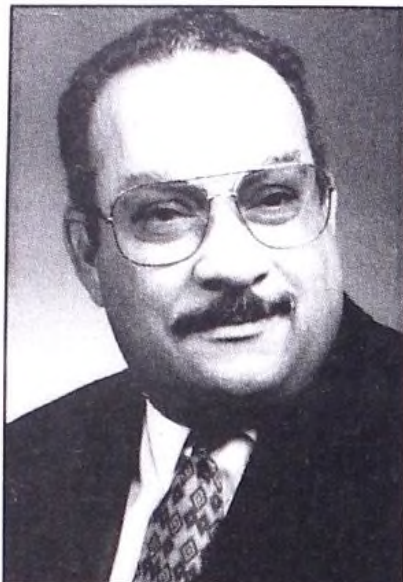


Mark Perkins

Van Buren Township Public Safety Director Mark Perkins reported that he has always had his sights set on a career in law or law enforcement. "If I wasn't in law enforcement, I would probably be a lawyer," Perkins said. Perkins, the former police chief, was named to his present post when the police and fire departments were merged into one department. He also serves as secretary of the Belleville-Sumpter-Van Buren Substance Abuse Task Force.

Dr. Terrell LeCesne

Dr. Terrell LeCesne, who served on the Inkster City Council and ultimately became mayor of that city in the mid-1970s, would like to be a college professor in New Orleans where his roots are. "I would like to return to New Orleans and teach at a university," said LeCesne, who is an assistant superintendent of schools in Romulus. LeCesne apparently has taken a big step toward fulfilling his dream - he presently teaches a course on the *Legal Aspects of Administration* at Eastern Michigan University.



Tom Kelly

Wayne Councilman Tom Kelly not only works for the good of the community, but he also is an assistant to Wayne County Commissioner Bryan Amann. He said if he could be in any job other than the one he has today, he would be a member of the graduating class of the Air Force. "I was in the service in the Korean war, and I was thinking about joining the Air Force at that time," Kelly said. Kelly also mumbled something about being a priest, but refused to elaborate.



Garnett Hegeman

He's a former educator and superintendent of schools in Inkster who is presently serving as the court magistrate at the 22nd District Court, however, if Garnett Hegeman had his druthers, he'd be retired. "I mean really retired," said the 56-year-old magistrate. "Don't misunderstand me. I like what I am doing - the court magistrate job is challenging, admittedly frustrating at times, but I like it. But my dream would be to retire and travel with my lovely wife, Rosa."



Jim Napiorkowski

Romulus City Treasurer Jim Napiorkowski enjoys detailed work. In City Hall he is constantly working on the financial aspects of the budget and other issues relating to money management of Romulus. But in his relaxed off hours he enjoys working on the fine details of train and airplane models. "If fact a little over six years ago before being elected city treasurer, I strongly considered opening a hobby shop."



Linda Choate

Romulus City Clerk Linda Choate never considered being a lifeguard in Tahiti.

Nor has she ever thought of being ambassador to Disneyland. But the veteran city clerk said with a smile, "If those opportunities had been offered to me more than 18 years ago...maybe I would have given them some thought." But Choate said, "I love my job so much...I can't think of anything I would rather do. 'Despite the fact I have to seek re-election,' Choate said, 'I don't consider my position political. I have never served in any other job for more than five years. I began here in 1973 and have been at this post since except for a brief two-year absence,' she explained. "While everything in my office is regulated by state or federal laws or mandated by city ordinance, I find no two days alike," Choate said.



Gary Sampson

In his youth, gregarious Gary Sampson, owner of Adventure Travel in

Belleville, had pondered a career as a funeral director. "I actually worked at a funeral home while I was in school, but the funeral director told me to look for another line of work. He said that I loved life too much to make it my career," Sampson said. Sampson, who enjoys dealing with people in his career, said he would probably do well in any job where he would have to interact with the public. "It's been suggested that I could be a stand-up comedian or a used car salesman," the Belleville travel agency owner said. In addition to his work in the travel business, Sampson is a collector of Mickey Mouse paraphernalia, and has enough souvenir items of the Disney character to make a career out of his collection.

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Green brings current events into the classroom for discussion.

"We talk about what is happening to them today, and we discuss current events. For example, when the DeBoer child custody case was in the news, we talked about it in class,"

Green said.

When this session ends, Green has promised a party for the women at her home. Last semester, she hosted a Halloween party where the children of her class learned how to make jack o'lanterns.

"They were surprised when they put their hands inside the pumpkins," Green said. "But, that's what this is all about - learning new things and having new experiences."

JUDGE

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cannot make that decision on my own. It requires the recommendations of the police officer in charge and the defense and prosecuting attorneys."

At the April 14 examination, the defense attorney requested a bond reduction from \$25,000 to \$10,000 or 10 percent based on the information that Claybron is about to complete the 12th grade at Cherry Hill Adult Education.

Wayne police Sgt. Chris Johnson informed Archbold at the examination that Claybron has an outstanding matter in Westland, and 'I understand that's still open,'

Johnson said. "It's a misdemeanor. If the court feels that a bond reduction is reasonable and warranted, I have no objection with it.

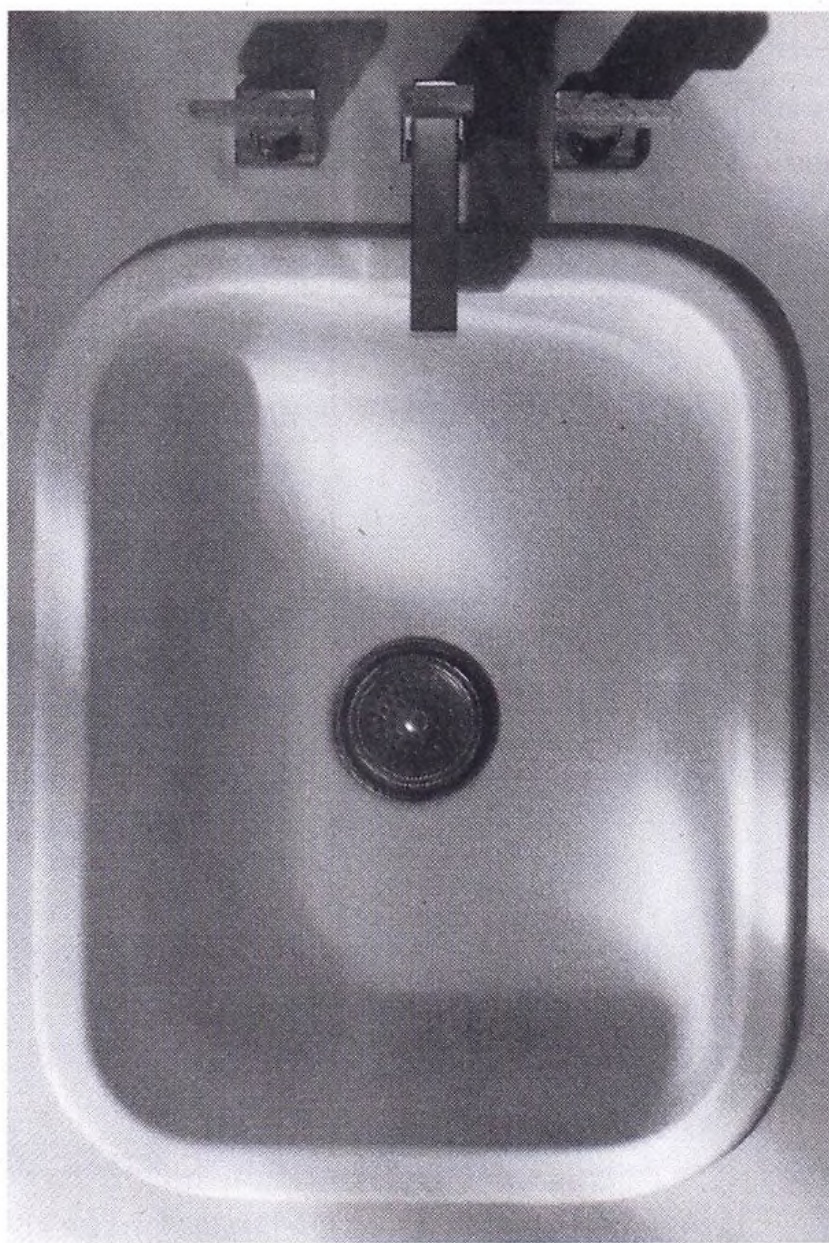
"We would ask no contact with victim or witnesses in person or by agent and for Mr. Claybron to stay out of the location of the 7-11 located at Annapolis Street in Wayne."

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Daniel Petrella also had no objections with the bond reduction.

Archbold reduced the bond based on the information provided and also set a 4:30 p.m. curfew for Claybron.

Archbold has scheduled a 5 p.m. May 13 meeting with Wayne Chamber of Commerce members at the 29th District Court to discuss various court procedures including how bonds are set.

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Clowning around

World-famous clown brings smiles to area

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Feature Editor

Loyal fans of the famous clown, Emmett Kelly Jr., waited patiently in line at Leo's Jewelry and Gifts in Wayne for their favorite mime to sign their collectible figurine April 22.

This was the first visit to Wayne for Kelly, according to David and Larry Zuckerman, owners of Leo's Jewelry and Gifts.

"We're very pleased with the turnout," David Zuckerman said. "This is a big event for Leo's and the City of Wayne."

Kelly is touring the U.S., visiting various shops which house his figurines. He is a mime who will not speak while in costume.

Kelly has been a clown for 32 years. At 68, he's an institution with a line of collectibles bearing his likeness, an animated Christmas special in production and a legion of fans around the world.

This famous clown is an inspiration to many children and adults. He was born Nov. 13, 1924 in Dyersburg Tenn.

Kelly's parents were also circus acts. His father, Emmett Sr., originated the character of Wearie Willie and his wife, Eva May Moore Kelly, was an aerial act for the same company-the John Robinson Circus.

When he was old enough to enter school, Kelly quit touring with his parents. At age 9, his parents were divorced causing his life to become as nomadic as the circus life his parents had led.

But early on Kelly didn't want to be a circus clown. He wanted to be a Greyhound Bus driver. He admired the drivers because they were always nice to him as he traveled between the homes of various relatives.

When Kelly turned 16, there was no more living with relatives. His father told him to go to work, so he waited tables in Lafayette, Ind. for \$14 a week. He worked a variety of other jobs until April 13, 1943 when he was drafted.



World-famous clown mime Emmett Kelly Jr. autographs one of his collectible clown figurines at Leo's Jewelry in Wayne where he visited this week. Terry Blevins of Westland enjoys meeting the silent 'Wearie Willie' and obtaining his signature. ANP photo by Larry Divizio



"We're very pleased with the turnout. This is a big event for Leo's and the City of Wayne."

David Zuckerman

In 1944, Kelly was stationed in Fort Lauderdale. He received a 72-hour pass to visit his father in Sarasota, but got stranded in the middle of Florida between the two coasts, at 10 p.m. unable to catch a car.

The man that picked him up that evening had a 15-year-old niece in Miami. Kelly arranged to date her on his way back.

Although Kelly transferred to Camp Bradford, Va. and New Orleans, he continued to correspond with the Miami girl-Dorothy. Shortly after, Kelly took a leave of absence and went to Columbus, Ga. to be married.

During the rest of his stint

in the Navy, Kelly was on a ship that participated in the invasions of both Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He was discharged Dec. 19, 1945.

Kelly worked a variety of jobs-some for the railroad until 1960 when he made his clown debut as Wearie Willie. In the summer of 1962, he took a six-month leave of absence from the railroad and toured with the Hagen-Wallace Circus in Florida as the star.

Following Hagen-Wallace, Kelly, clowning at beauty pageants, hootenays- wherever he could get work. In 1964, he gave up traveling a year to work for Kodak at their World's Fair Pavilion in Flush-

ing, N.Y. During that time he set two world's records.

It was estimated that more than five million photos were taken of him, making Kelly the world's most photographed person. He was also the subject of the world's largest photo-a 30 by 36 foot picture that lit up the side of the Kodak pavilion.

Four years after the close of the World's Fair, Emmett continued to act as Kodak's Ambassador of Goodwill-visiting more than 2,400 children's and Veteran's hospitals. It was probably the most rewarding time of his clowning career. His most spectacular story is as follows:

"There was this one little girl... must have been about 12 years old. It was in a hospital in New Orleans. Kelly walked to her bedside, but was told the girl had been in a coma for three months; couldn't see, hear, talk or understand.

Kelly autographed one of his postcards and put it between her fingers. Then he

walked away. As soon as he left the room she opened her eyes, looked up at a priest and said, 'Who was that man?' the priest told her, 'Honey, that was an angel in a clown suit.'"

The story doesn't end there. Eight years later, Kelly met a girl performing as a mime and twirling batons. She told him

that she was the same girl he had saved that day in the hospital.

Kelly started his own circus-The All-Star Circus. It was the only circus to perform at the White House and it played there twice-in 1972 for Tricia Nixon Cox and in 1973 for the White House Easter Egg Hunt.

Suspects arraigned in assault cases

By JENNIFER PLACINTO
ANP Staff Writer

Two men allegedly involved in separate sexual assaults have been arraigned in Westland District Court.

John Earl Self, a 27-year-old Westland resident is accused of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old woman in the early hours of April 10. Self is accused of having sexual intercourse with the alleged victim, who had passed out drunk at a party. The woman woke up during the act and later reported it to police.

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Self was arraigned Thursday by 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos and is charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct. Self, who was ordered to post a \$5,000 cash bond, faces a preliminary examination April 29.

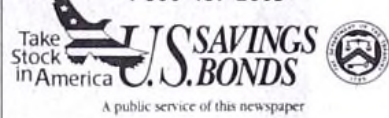
Sokol Ndrejaj, a 25-year-old Livonia resident is accused of sexually assaulting a 20-year-old female employee on April 7. Ndrejaj, who owns Murphy's Coney Island at 8301 Wayne Road, forced the woman to have oral sex with him, police

said. Ndrejaj, who is a citizen of Albania, was arraigned Friday by 18th District Magistrate Joseph Costanzo and is charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct. Ndrejaj, was ordered to post a \$10,000 cash bond will appear for a preliminary court hearing May 13.

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Michigan director awakens camp memories

Just when you thought the classic feel-good-all-over movies have faded into the dark, along comes *Indian Summer*.

Indian is written and directed by Michigan native Mike Binder. The Touchstone Pictures nostalgic movie awakens the memories of a group of eight adults in their 30s and reignites their favorite life experiences at their old youth summer camp. Young at heart, and wishing they were kids again, these grown up campers including Matthew (Vincent Spano) and his wife Kelly (Julie Warner), Jennifer (Elizabeth Perkins), Brad (Kevin Pollak), Beth Walden (Diane Lane), Jack Belston (Bill Paxton), camp jock Jamie (Matt Craven) and Gwen (Kimberly Williams).

Despite the camper's efforts to simply relax, the rigorous activities, plus two decades of memories, trigger each of them to examine where their life choices have taken them, and to wonder, if, perhaps, it is possible to come of age more than once.

This story is a reflection of Binder's camp memories. He explained that the characters represent a small portion of his feelings about attending camp.

The location for the film, Camp Tamakwa in Canada's Algonquin Provincial Park, is the actual summer camp Binder attended for 10 years during his youth.

"There wasn't really one character which was like me because they were all like me I would say except for the Diane Lane character, and the Alan Arkin and Sam Raimi characters," Binder said.

Shooting began Aug. 27 and continued on location for eight weeks at Camp Tamakwa. Binder said originally the story was set in 1969 and titled *Northern Lights*.

"The whole idea of summer camp is very sentimental and nostalgic for me," Binder said. "But at the same time, I thought it would be a very uneasy experience to go back to summer camp as a grown-up. I've made the trip there as an adult a couple of times, and as much fun as it was, it almost felt like returning to the scene of a crime."

What was Binder's favorite camp memory?

"The most emotional memory I have is the first day of camp," Binder said. "When I would get there, I hated it because I wanted to be back with my parents at home. Then, the other memory is the last day at camp, and I loved it so much that I didn't want to go home."

Selecting the site didn't take long because Binder said he knew he wanted to film at the actual camp he attended.

"I first looked all over South Carolina and other places so people would know that I looked at other camps," Binder said. "But then, when I took the producers to that camp, they agreed and thought it was the place to shoot."

Camp Tamakwa, founded in 1937, is accessible only by water. In preparation for their roles as former campers, the ensemble cast of actors converged on Tamakwa while the camp was closing up the second summer session.

The cast began rigorous training in tetherball, sailing, canoeing, swimming and other traditional camp activities.

Most of the performers had attended camp when they were younger, and going to this location was more like coming home for some of them including Sam Raimi who stars as Stick.

Raimi grew up with Binder in Detroit and is also a fellow Tamakwan.

"A lot of people talk about the good times they had at camp, but no one waxes poetic like Tamakwan," Binder said. "During pre-production I pulled out stacks of pictures that I had taken of the camp when I was a kid. At age 12 I was photographing the buildings."



"I didn't realize that I was actually doing early work in location scouting." Because the film was shot during the end of the summer, early fall months, the production crew was faced with Mother Nature's wrath at that time, according to Binder.

"The weather was horrible," Binder said. "It was one of the rainiest summers ever in Algonquin Park. You're an hour from the closest city. You can't drive cars."

"All in all it was a very tough shoot."

The cast didn't actually live in the Tamakwan cabins during the filming. Binder said they had individual condos available near the camp.

"The cabins are nice, but they're not nice enough for adults to live in more than one night," Binder said.

As Binder recalls some of his favorite camp memories, he said the water sports were his favorite activities.

"I liked the canoeing and all the sports," Binder said. "The beauty of camp is there is no television or newspaper or radio or stereos. You have to deal with creating your own entertainment which is what we did as kids."

"One night one group would have to come up with a game for the kids or come up with a discussion everyone could participate in."

The production wrapped its northern location work Oct. 17. Principal photography concluded Oct. 23 with two days exterior shooting in Toronto at the Pearson International Airport, the Old Mill bus station and the famous Roots clothing factory.

After three years of working six days a week without a break, Binder said he is finally going to relax for a month or so with his wife and new baby daughter, Molly.

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Going away to summer camp can be exhilarating—especially if you're over 30. The actors and actresses of *Indian Summer* who enjoyed their stay at Camp Tamakwa included: Diane Lane (bottom left), Alan Arkin, Elizabeth Perkins, Kevin Pollak, Kimberly Williams (top left), Matt Craven, Bill Paxton, Vincent Spano, Julie Warner and Sam Raimi. ANP Special Photo

School days

Volunteer renovation effort seeks support

By JENNIFER PLACINTO
ANP Staff Writer

Motorists who pass by the old Perrinsville School on Warren Road near Merriman may not realize that they are looking at a piece of history.

The 1856 structure was the first brick school built in Nankin Township and is presently undergoing a massive renovation in an attempt to return it to a usable condition.

"It's part of our history," explained Jo Johnson, who is co-chairing a fundraiser to help defray the expense of the renovation. "The bricks in the schoolhouse were made 1/4 mile away from the school. It has so much historical value," Johnson said.

Former co-owners Marcello Scappaticci and Alfonso Tabaka bought the site from a church that was using the schoolhouse as a Bible school. The two developers (donated) the land and schoolhouse to the city.

Gilbert said the total value of the Perrinsville project, including the land, building, materials and volunteer work is about \$330,000.

So far, the project has received \$45,115 from a state grant and \$28,000 from the city to buy materials.

The work is being performed by students and volunteers, but funding is desperately needed.

Friends of the Westland

Historical Museum are planning a rummage sale from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. May 8 at the museum on Wayne road and are seeking donations. They will accept all items except clothing for sale and all the proceeds will be used toward the restoration of the Perrinsville School.

"We want to raise as much as we can. We will use the money for mostly furnishings," said Johnson.

Co-chairman Ruth Dale said she hopes to raise \$2,000 from this fund raiser. Previous fund raisers, such as book and garage sales, bake sales and selling products from Frankenmuth have all been used to raise money for the restoration of the old schoolhouse. Johnson said she expects to have additional fund raisers as well.

First phase renovations, including the interior and exterior of the building, should be completed by the second week of June, Westland Housing and Community Development Director James Gilbert said.

There were a lot more renovations than the Perrinsville Renovation Committee expected, Johnson said.

"Perrinsville is one of the oldest buildings in Westland and it's been sitting there empty quite a few years," Johnson said.

The school was vacant for many years and during that time a car ran into it. The building needed a new roof, new windows, new shutters and one wall had to be re-bricked, Johnson said.

The students are helped by community volunteers, such as members of the Perrinsville Renovation Committee. There has been some professional help, but the work has been done mainly by volunteers, Johnson said.

The seniors who worked on the renovations will be honored at the May 3 Westland City Council meeting. When the seniors graduate in June, the rest of the work will have to be contracted out or done by volunteers, Johnson said.

"I don't think after this (phase one) we will be using students," Johnson said.

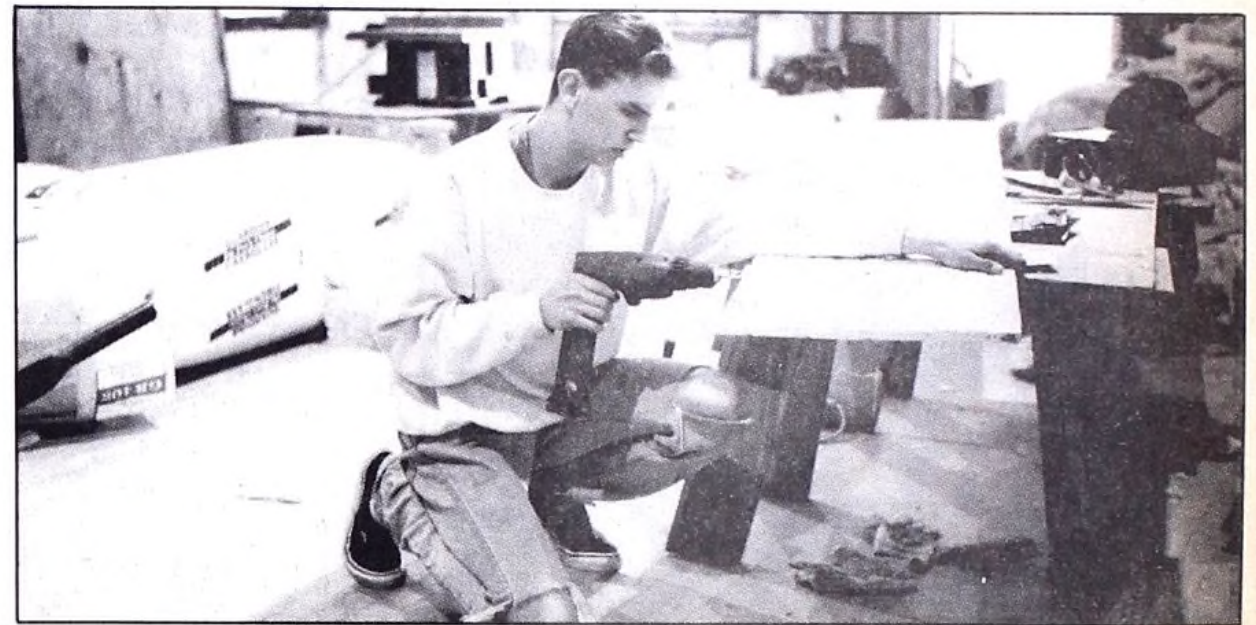
Gilbert said there would probably be about two or three more phases involved to finish the project. However, Gilbert said, the building would be usable after phase one is complete and a certificate of occupancy is obtained.

When the site is usable, local schoolchildren will be permitted to come spend the day at the school being taught subjects that children in those days would have learned. They will use old textbooks and write on slates instead of paper.

"They will actually be having classes there (Perrinsville school)," Dale said.

The schoolhouse will be available to school classes during the week and open to the public on the weekends. It may also be available as a meeting place for special events, Dale said.

Volunteers and students continue the extensive renovation effort at the original Perrinsville School in Westland, the first brick schoolhouse in the area of Nankin Township. Volunteers have planned a rummage sale May 8 to collect funds and are seeking items to sell. Jeff Lawson and Bill Church repair wooden shutters and windows on the building while Rob Meeks continues working on the interior renovation of the building. ANP photo by Larry Divizio



Murder conviction is overturned

By AL POST
ANP Staff Writer

Robert Williams Jr. of Taylor, convicted of a pair of murders in Romulus in 1985, will get a new day in court, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

In a split decision, 5-4, the top court ruled that Romulus police failed to inform Williams of his "Miranda rights" to remain silent until he could talk to his defense attorney.

Williams was found guilty of killing Van Hooper, 24, and Charles C. Stanley, 28, both of Taylor. Their bodies were found in a parked car on April 6 on rural California Street in

Romulus more than 12 hours after they were killed.

Stanley was found in the front seat of a black Volvo and Hooper in the rear. Both died of gunshot wounds to the head, police said.

According to court records, Romulus police questioned Williams, then 29, after his arrest on April 10 for about 40 minutes prior to informing him of his rights to remain silent.

Williams later waived his Miranda rights and continued to implicate himself, police said at the time.

Williams was found guilty by a Wayne County jury and sentenced to life imprisonment.

That conviction was upheld several times by state appeals courts, but in 1991 the 6th U.S. Circuit Court agreed the police had acted improperly and claimed the defendant's confession was coerced.

The state appealed that decision to the U.S. Supreme Court and on Wednesday it announced the state view were rejected and a new trial was ordered.

The majority opinion was written by Justice David Souter. Joining him in the majority vote were Justices Byron White, Harry Blackmun, John Paul Stevens and Anthony Kennedy.

MOVIE

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"We just a baby two weeks ago," Binder said. "She was 7 pounds and 11 ounces. She's a doll."

Binder wrote and directed *Crossing the Bridge* and co-produced and directed the critically acclaimed screenplay for *Coupe De Ville*.

Binder said in the near future he would like to direct a movie that's "bigger than life."

"I really like the kind of stories Rob Reiner films," Binder said. "I want to be a good storyteller. As I look back at the movies I've made, I'm really not completely satisfied with any of them because if I could do them over, I would change a few things."

Inspired by the comedy recordings of George Carlin and Robert Klein, he began to perform as a comedian while still in high school and helped create the stand-up scene in Detroit.

Binder moved to Los Angeles, and became a regular performer at The Comedy Store.

During the summers, he returned to his hometown and created and produced comedy concerts, mixing performing bands with comedy acts.

He took these "comedy jams" all around the state from Detroit to Kalamazoo and Ann Arbor.

As a hot young comic performer, he was interviewed by PBS' "Late Night America" director Bill Pace, who later collaborated with him to film *The*

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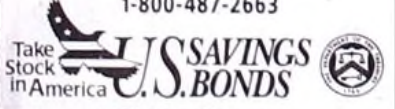
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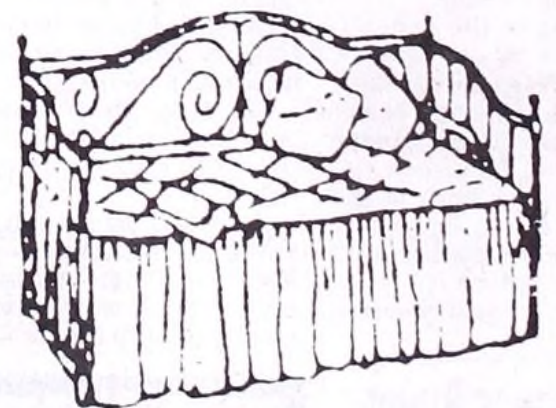
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Blue Angels

Navy precision flight team highlights air show

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
Belleville City Editor

Highlighting the 1993 AirMichigan Show at the Willow Run Airport will be the Blue Angels jet aerobatic team.

The team will take to the skies on May 8 and 9 to demonstrate choreographed refinements of Navy-trained combat maneuvers in four- and six-ship formations plus solo high-performance maneuvers.

The team's new flight leader, Commander Bob Strumpf, takes over the No. 1 plane after tallying more than 2,700 flight hours in the F/A-18 Hornet, the plane employed by the Blue Angels since November, 1986.

Other members of the team are: Lt. Scott Anderson, left wing; Lt. Commander Larry Packer, right wing; Lt. Doug Thompson, slot; Capt. Ken Switzer, lead solo, and Lt. Commander Dave Stewart, oppo-

sing solo.

For 1993, six of the 100 Navy and Marine Corps enlisted personnel which serve as the Blue Angels' support team are from Michigan. They include David Garner of Detroit, Roberta Masciaglioli of Royal Oak, Cassandra Osborn of Cedar Springs, Christopher Ostrander of Otisville, Richard Ranguette of Fairport and Leonard Tippett II of Flushing.

The team has a long history, starting in 1946 when Lt. Commander Roy (Butch) Vorris commanded the team's first edition in its inaugural demonstration in Jacksonville, Fla., using Grumman F-6F Hellcats. Through the years, the team has used the Grumman F9F-2 and F9F- Panthers, the Grumman F11F-1 Tiger, the McDonnell Douglas F-4J Phantom and A-4F Skyhawk.

The F/A-18 Hornet cur-

rently employed by the team is capable of Mach 1.7-plus speeds and can carry missiles in addition to serving as a fighter escort.

Other attractions at the 1993 AirMichigan show are aerobatic ace Sean Tucker, the French Connection 'mirror-image' team and stuntman/wingwalker Johnny Kazian.

Attractions also will include military jet demonstrations and fly-bys, historic displays from the Yankee Air Force and

radio-controlled aircraft and helicopters plus general aviation and commercial aviation exhibits.

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Tickets can be purchased in advance from all Ticketmaster locations or from the Air Show office at Willow Run Airport.

Wayne man receives probation sentence

A Wayne man received a two-year probation sentence April 20 on breaking and entering charges in Detroit Wayne County Recorder's Court.

Bradly S. Strickland of Wayne and Eric J. Selix of Westland were arrested by Wayne police March 9 for breaking and entering the Squeaky Clean establishment in Wayne, 3534 Van Born.

"They broke into a coin-operated dispenser," Wayne police Lt. Mel Drews said. "They entered the establishment after midnight March 8."

An April 23 sentencing was scheduled for Selix.

Selix could receive up to three years in prison for the offense, according to Drews.

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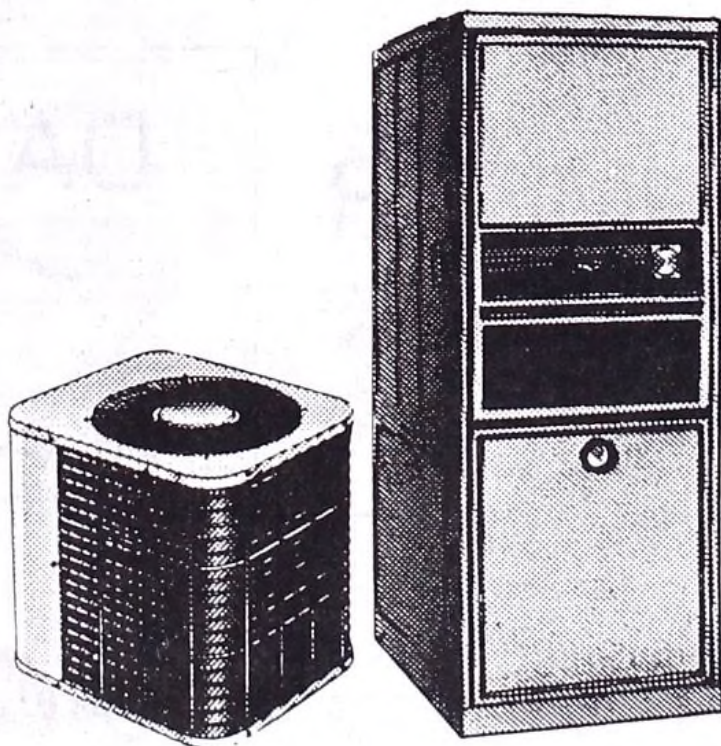
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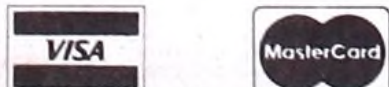
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Recreational vehicles hit the road

This summer should be a banner season for recreation vehicle (RV) travel, industry experts are predicting.

Recreation Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA), surveyed 2,000 die-hard RVers nationwide recently about their summer travel plans and preferences. Of those planning more trips in 1993, a third said they postponed trips last year for reasons that included poor weather and tight pocketbooks and now "want to make up for it."

And they're going to travel farther from home, the survey concluded. A total of 87 per-

cent said they expect to roll up more miles—4,100 on average.

A cross-country tour and Orlando/Disney World were destinations most frequently mentioned. Close behind were the beaches of the Florida panhandle; the burgeoning "mecca" of Branson, Mo.; and the Great Smoky Mountains. Other popular responses include: the Grand Canyon; Rocky Mountains; Pennsylvania Dutch country; Nashville; Wisconsin Dells/Door County; the coast of Maine and Yellowstone National Park.

Nearly 10 percent said they were new to RVing, having pur-

chased vehicles in the last 12 months. This reflects the resurgence in sales the industry experienced in 1992, its best year since 1989.

Other key findings of the study:

- Forty-three percent of RV owners plan to travel the Memorial Day holiday. Memorial Day RV trips will last an average of nine days and cover 800 miles round-trip.

- Forty-five percent of those polled will celebrate the Fourth of July on the road. RV trips planned around the Fourth will average 11 days and 1,150 round-trip miles.

Eighty-two percent will display the American flag at campsites and/or on vehicles on July 4th.

Orlando/Kissimmee, Fla. edged Myrtle Beach, S.C. as the city or locale that makes RVers most welcome. Tennessee earned two top-five spots; Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge was third and Nashville tied Branson for fourth. Other cities deemed RV-friendly were Flagstaff, Ariz. and Las Vegas.

There were some whose wanderlust would take them to other shores, particularly Australia and Europe. One West Virginia woman lamented that her RV "Didn't have wings" for a trip to the Bahamas.

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Kurt Atchinson of Atchinson Ford receives a plaque, marking his 30-year membership in the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce from Linda Hall, first vice president of the chamber. ANP photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner



Thousands of recreational vehicle enthusiasts are expected to hit the road Memorial Day enjoying camping and touring activities.

Speed limit protest planned

The National Motorists Association (NMA), an 11-year-old grass-roots group based in Dane, Wisconsin, is organizing a nation-wide protest today challenging the federally mandated national maximum speed limit.

The protest, known as "Civil Obedience Day," will take the form of an organized mass drive on specified local highways at precisely the mandated 55 mph speed limit. The effort covers 22 states and locally kicks off at 11 a.m.

"We found in the 1960s that civil disobedience was a legitimate and effective means of

social protest," said Steve Purdy, the NMA Michigan chapter coordinator. "Now we'll be using civil disobedience to make our point. The point is that the speed limits are outdated, unrealistic and generally ignored."

Michigan protesters will meet today at the Tel-Twelve Mall at Telegraph and 12 Mile roads. Sponsors estimate some 50 cars will hit the road at 11 a.m. heading toward I-696, circling back to I-94 and I-75 and ending up back at the starting point sometime this afternoon. Each driver, in convoy fashion five car lengths apart, will

have emergency lights on and pace themselves at exactly 55 mph.

Speed limits and enforcement, organizers said, have little relationship to highway fatalities and create "over-zealous" police officers trying to generate revenue for local government and insurance companies. Speed laws were just part of the "discouraging general direction" driving laws were taking in the early 1980s, NMA founder James Baxter said.

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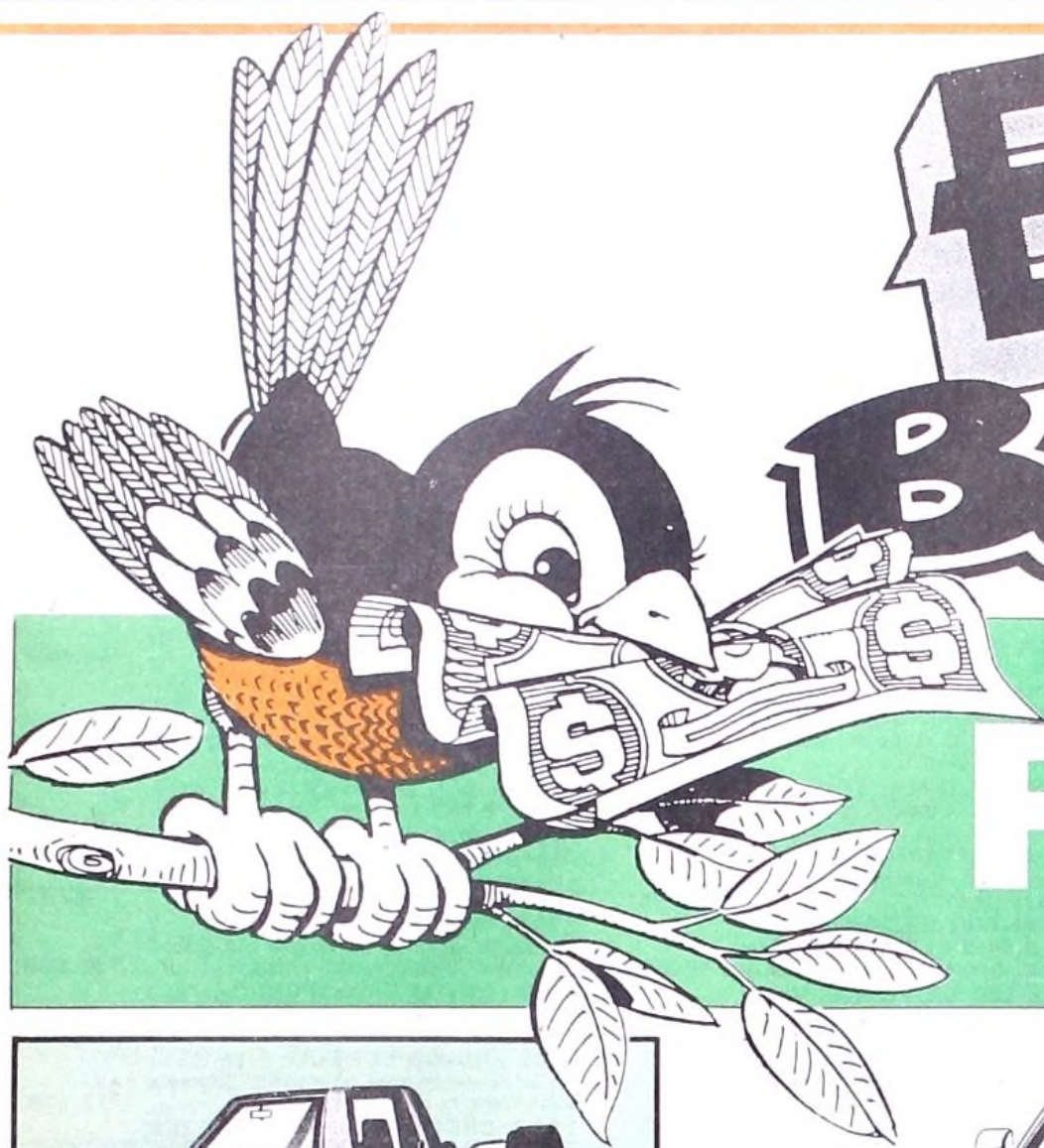
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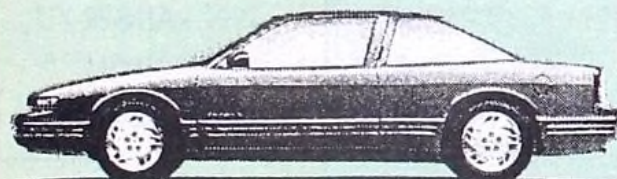
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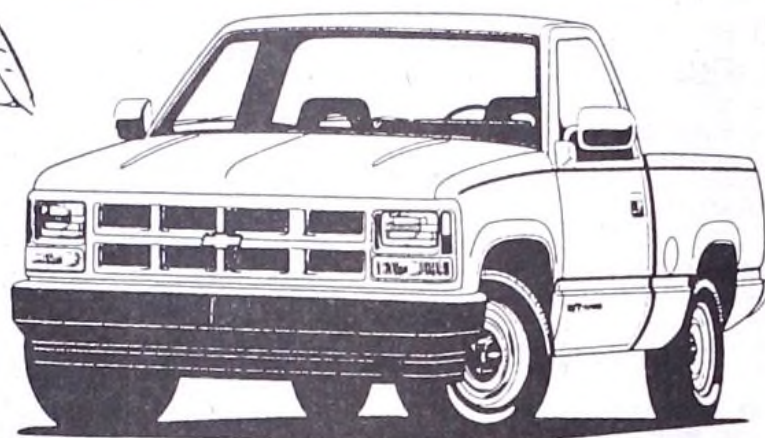
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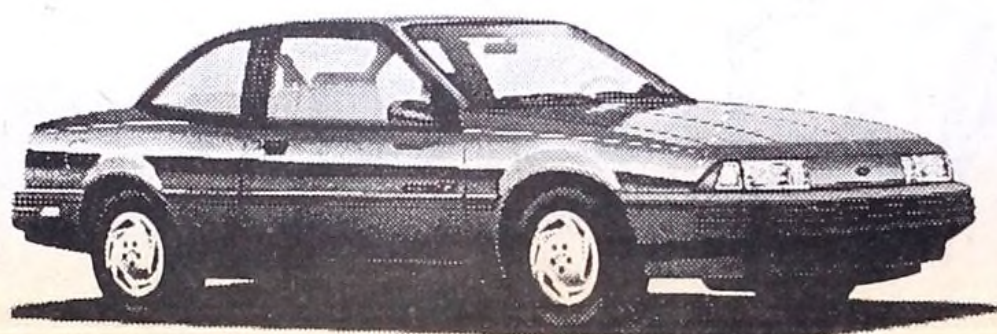
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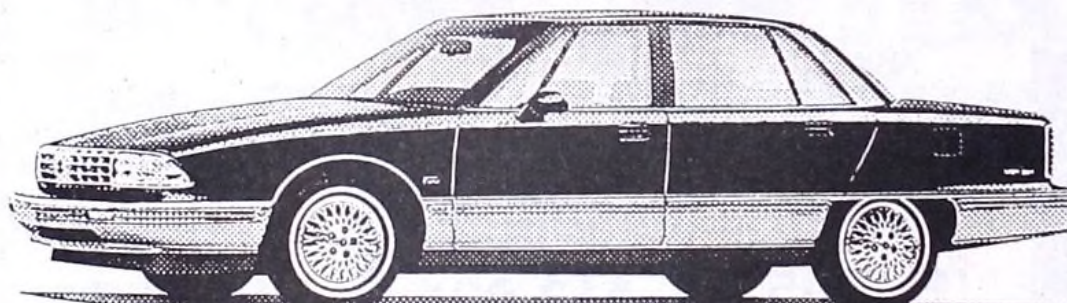
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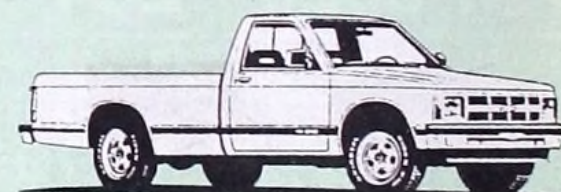
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